

THE PILOT BAPTIST ANNOUNCER - September 2017

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September - PBC HAPPENINGS:

- NC Missions Offering – entire month of September
- 4 Labor Day – Church Office closed
- 6 Christmas Rehearsals – 7:30 p.m. - Sanctuary
- 10 Small Group Studies – 6:00 p.m.
- 13 Sunshine Club – 10:00 a.m.
Church Council Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
Christmas Rehearsal – 7:30 p.m. - Sanctuary
- 17 Homecoming – 12:30 p.m.
Small Group Studies – 6:00 p.m.
- 19 Daycare Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
- 20 Family Meal – 6:00 p.m.
- 21 Church Council Work Session – 7:00 p.m.
- 24-28 Revival – 7:00 p.m. – Michael Cloer

September- Deacon of the Week

- 3 Gary Gay
- 10 Doug Hilliard
- 17 Lynn Lewis
- 24 Jess Richardson

September - Ushers

Youth

Memorials Given

Choir Fund Given in Memory of Mike Brooks

- By Gerald & Elaine Lewis
- Danny & Debbie Ray
- Yates & Clara Murphrey
- Johnny & Guinehl Smith
- Milton & Florence Williams
- Wendy Allen Smith

Greetings Family,

I've been thinking this past week and for some time, about all the news media frenzy there is about the riots and bigotry and racism and so forth. I'm reminded of the scripture, Matt. 22:37-40. Called the great commandment! Jesus in essence states that we are to love Him first and foremost and then love our neighbor as we, or the same way, we love ourselves. Family, there is no place in the family of God or kingdom of God for bigotry, hatred and racism. These are actions and attitudes that Jesus came to replace with Himself and His love and Grace. God cares about people and so must we. People of all colors and all races. Jesus didn't die for skin color but He did die for people of all races. Jesus cares about you and just like you He cares for all people of all races. He died for all, that we all might go free from the penalty of sin. And if you've trusted Jesus as Lord and Savior, repenting of your sins, turning from your sins and turning to Christ, you will be saved! And if you are saved you are supposed to love Jesus with all your heart, mind, soul and strength; and love your neighbor as yourself. So there is the keynote biblical principal of who we are in Jesus and His kingdom!

Family, let me say, God is doing a great work here at PBC and we cannot sit idly back without praising Him for all He is doing and going to do. We exist, to glorify God by, being His heart in the heart of the community-Pilot, and beyond. God's heart is for people. That's why God the Father, sent His only Son to earth, to die in their place, to pay their penalty, for their sins. It is great to see the Lord God doing such great things as people being saved and baptized, and becoming members of the church. It's great to be a part of God's kingdom at work in our world. His Spirit is working! But, at the same time the devil is also working and doing a great job of trying to destroy His work here at Pilot. We cannot escape that fact! So let me encourage you to pray for your staff, your Sunday school, your children's work and workers, your youth and youth workers, and adults and adult workers. Please put on the whole armor of God to be able to stand against the wiles, tricks of the evil one. Satan is a defeated foe, he knows it but he is still going to try and destroy God's work any way he can. Don't give in to him. Stay focused on Christ and what He wants to do and is doing.

Pray for Wanda and I and we love you!

Pastor Don



September Birthdays

- 1 Jesse Ray
- 2 Rob Stallings
David Thieman
Kinzie Workman
- 3 Samantha Gossett
Taylor Gossett
- 4 Jordan Denton
Emily Edwards
Jason Jones
- 5 Brad Thorne
- 6 Ed Brantley
Delana Perry
- 14 Adam Bunn
- 15 George Mincey
April Whitley James
- 16 Willie Martin
- 18 Barbara Denton
- 22 Calvin Spann
- 23 Clara Murphrey
Leighton Williams
Willie Wright
Jimmy Wright
- 24 Clay Thorne
- 26 Julie Robinson
Kelli Syers
- 29 Donna Bunn
Candace Copeland
- 30 Nancy Driver

September Anniversaries

- 3 Nelson & Ruth Ray
- 8 Tommy & Sandra Watkins
- 16 John & Dorothy Jones
- 21 Robert & Gloria Turner
- 25 Tony & Earlene Strickland
- 26 David & Michelle DeFruscio
- 27 Mack & Vickie Robbins

Hello All.

Wow! Can you believe that Vacation Bible School is over? What an amazing week it was. If you were not involved in some way, you surely missed out!

During VBS week, 73 children walked through the doors of our Family Life Center. The gospel was presented each night and at the end of the week, we had 2 professions of faith. What a reason to celebrate! During the week, a friendly boys vs. girls competition resulted in over 700 school supplies donated and a bucket of ice water poured over both Boyd and myself. I would like to thank Jamie Richardson for organizing that effort and getting the items to Bunn Elementary School!

I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to those who volunteered in some capacity during the week of VBS. The week would not have been possible without you. It truly was all hands on deck and you are so appreciated! Your work with our children did not go unnoticed.

Looking forward to the months ahead, we have some exciting things happening here at PBC.

Starting the first Sunday in September, we will be offering children's church each Sunday for those ages 3 through 3rd Grade. Children and parents alike have responded very well to the few times it has been offered. We cannot wait to spend some time praising Jesus with our friends! We are creating a rotation schedule for volunteers to serve during this time. If you would like to be added to the schedule, please let me know!

September 10th will start our Sunday evening children's worship opportunity. Children grades K-6 will be meeting in the multi-purpose room in the Family Life Center for age-appropriate praise and worship.

We are gearing up for trunk or treat! October will be here before you know it. Be thinking about how your trunk will be decorated this year.

Thank you all so much for your continued support. It means so much to serve God alongside such amazing people.

Love to you all,
Jamie Thieman

MISSION HAPPENINGS

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On Sunday, September 3rd, at 4:30 p.m. we will **all** meet in the Family Life Center to organize our duties, service projects, etc. for the coming year. Bring your ideas, suggestions, and willing hearts to serve so we can start our journey. I'm looking for YOU.

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Ladies, I hope to see each of you next Sunday at 4:30 p.m.!

Joann Wallace

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BOYD'S BITS

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So it is with God. We're trying to see with our own eyes without the aid of God's Word and the Holy Spirit. When we let God's Word sink into our hearts and the Holy Spirit move us to understand more of the Word, we get a pure and clear image of God. Things come into focus we've never seen before or becomes clearer in understanding. Thank you, Lord, for reminding us through nature of Your presence and involvement in Your world. So! Get into the Word! And let the Word get into you!

Praise the Lord for our VBS. God moved in a tremendous way in the life of our Church family. Keep praying for the seeds that were planted/watered. And thank God for the harvest we saw. Claim the future harvest as well!

September is kicking off many different things:

1. **Christmas rehearsals** begin **Wednesday, September 6th @ 7:30pm in the sanctuary** to any/all that would like to commit to our Christmas musical on December 10th. Come be a part of this very special presentation of our Lord's birth.
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