



Pea Ridge Baptist Church

Serve Wholeheartedly



April
2009

“To Know Christ and Make Him Known!”

I would like to continue exploring our vision statement... that in LOVE a disciple will... **KNOW** Christ completely, **GROW** in maturity, **SERVE** wholeheartedly and **SHARE** God personally. The past two months I have considered the KNOW and GROW aspects of our vision. This month, I would like to explore what it means to **SERVE** wholeheartedly.

I have been reading in the Old Testament this year and several times the people of Israel are called to the commitment to follow God. This comes at various times and places and with different issues at hand, but the underlying theme of giving one's all to God is present. One such occasion was when David was preparing his son Solomon to succeed him as King. David spoke to Solomon and said, “*And you, my son Solomon, acknowledge the God of your father, and serve Him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind, for the LORD searches every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will reject you forever*” (1 Chronicles 28:9, NIV). It was clear that he was to devote his life to the call of God and be about God's work. The words “*serve him with wholehearted devotion*” give a picture of a pure, complete surrender of our feelings, will and intellect to the Lord for His glory and honor. Everything we do and say, think and feel, acknowledge and promote is to be devoted to the cause of Christ.

We don't often think this way as Christians. Many times we find our lives consumed with our agendas, with our commitments to our family and the community, etc. I am not saying that this is bad in any way. Time for your enjoyment, for family fun and bonding is extremely important. I believe that we need to strike a balance of service and living that will honor God and will keep us

focused on God's agenda for our community and our very lives. In the name of Christ we serve our family, our neighbors, our community...everything we do becomes an avenue for serving our God.

The Apostle Paul wrote, “*Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically.*” (Romans 12:10-11, NLT). Serving begins with love (the basis for all that we do as a disciple) and leads to the diligent, energetic lifestyle of a disciple. Serving also grows to encompass a way of sharing the Good news to others. We have some credibility when we serve others. Tim Brown, pastor of First Baptist Church of Clovis, CA, talked about the early church (see Acts 2: 42-47). The church did **good deeds** (acts of service), which led to **good will** (credibility) in the community, which resulted in people responding to the **good news** (people were daily added to the number of disciples). Paul spoke to the church at Rome by saying “*God knows how often I pray for you. Day and night I bring you and your needs in prayer to God, whom I serve with all my heart by spreading the Good News about his Son*” (Romans 1:9, NLT). Service opens the doors to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

As a disciple of Jesus Christ, we are called to follow His example. Mark's gospel records Jesus' words: “*For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many*” (Mark 10:45, NIV). If it was good enough for Jesus...certainly it is good enough for you and me.

I really want to challenge each person at Pea Ridge to find a place to serve. You will be hearing more about this in the coming weeks...think about what God can do through the church as we all step up and do our part. We have been equipped by the Holy Spirit for this great work. I pray that God will be glorified as we give Him our very lives in service.



a note from Pastor Greg Creasy...

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Wednesday Dinners



Please...
If you sign up for a standing reservation, and cannot attend that week, remember to call the office so Erica can make adjustments in the amount of food she prepares. Let's show our support by helping her keep the count correct.

Erica Mullins (638-1059)

April 1—Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Salad, Dessert

April 8—No Evening Services

April 15—Spaghetti, Salad, Dessert

April 22—Baked Pork Chops, Broccoli, Scalloped Potatoes, Dessert

April 29—Pizza, Fruit, Veggies, Dessert

Pledges \$112,417.00
Donations \$94,734.00

"Donations" reflects the amount given to date, not the balance on hand.

We are so close to finishing the Capital Funds Work List!

Last update ... March 29

Beth Moore

in Pittsburgh, PA

June 12 & 13

Union Baptist is sponsoring a bus trip to Pittsburgh.

\$168.00 ... 2 / room...\$150.00 ... 3 / room

\$139.00 ... 4 / room

\$75.00 deposit to hold your spot

Balance is due May 1.

*For more information,
Kelli Estep 736-3551*

Nursery/Pre-K Coordinator



We welcome Michelle Caserta to our staff. She will be maintaining an active list of all helpers and workers in our Nursery and Pre-K areas. She will be calling you, and we hope that you will step forward and give a couple of hours a month to love on our children and to begin the discipleship process in their lives.

Honoring Lulu Bowen, Sunday, April 5 @ 5:00 pm

We are honoring Lulu Bowen as she retires. She has worked our Nursery for 16 years. She has been a dedicated and loving caregiver for a whole generation of PRBC kids. Plan to attend our Spring Dinner and share a special thank you with Lulu.

2009 PRBC Directory



There have been several updates already. If you would like to have your Directory updated, bring it to the office and Connie will replace pages in your book.

Directories are always changing. As congregations change, there are always updates...birthdates, anniversaries, email addresses, phone numbers, etc. Please contact the office or add your information to the Sunday Connection Card.

Newsletter Survey

Several of you have sent your reply postcards back to us and we sincerely appreciate your thoughts.

The May Newsletter deadline will be Sunday, April 19.

Possible May ideas: Easter thoughts, past lessons, school activities, summer plans, thank yous, acknowledgments, tributes, personal topics, jokes, as well as recipes, articles, poems or announcements. We are always looking for information from our various church groups: Sunday School classes to small group studies, youth group activities to senior plans. If you have any suggestions, please contact Connie in the office.

Some of you have sent articles and information to Connie for the newsletter...THANKS, keep it up.

2009 PRBC Usher & Greeter Schedule

We will be highlighting different ministry groups in the church by having them serve as ushers & greeters for one month. Each group is required to be sure that someone is there to cover their assigned weeks. This is for both morning services in the month listed.

April	Dave Gillispie and Shalom SS Class
May	Mark Booth & Covenant Keeper's SS Class
June	Emerson Davis & Homebuilders SS Class
July	Ron Brownfield & Son Seekers SS Class
August	Brian Porter & College SS Class
September	Tricia Leonard & Women in Faith SS Class
October	Bob Warnock/J. W. Bowen & Youth SS Class
November	Tim Forth & Trustees
December	Dave Gillispie & Shalom SS Class

Responsibility includes having greeters at the door 20 minutes prior to services, counting attendance, and collecting offering. If your group is unavailable during the scheduled month please simply trade with another group. In the event of crisis, contact the church office.

Check out the calendar for more church activities & special dates!

Church News & Announcements



Lovett Baby Shower

Saturday, April 18
@ 6:00 pm

"A Little Girl"

Registered @ Target and
online @ Babies R Us

Lilies for Easter

To purchase a lily to dedicate in honor of someone or in memory of someone— Contact Willi Johnson at 304-617-4626. Deadline for orders is Palm Sunday, April 5.



- 2 Sara Cross
Cara Cross
Doug & Mary Lee Chambers
- 4 Karen Carson
- 5 *Warren & Lita Wright*
Sheri Beneke
Malinda Henderson
- 6 Steven Newman
Hannah Gaunch
- 7 Hazel Walker
- 8 *Rick & Patricia Jordan*
Roger & Elizabeth Lovett
Jessica Richards
- 9 Keaton Kaplan
- 11 Nettie Stubblefield
Terry Ellis
- 13 Elizabeth Nicely
Steve Music
- 14 Greg Sims
Lindsay Houston
Sherri Ransbottom
- 15 Shelia Justice
- 16 Ron Kemp
- 17 Basil Bias
Mackenzie Stratton
Lindsay Houston
- 19 Emma Chapman
Jim & Karen Twohig
- 20 Warren Wright
- 23 Sarah Napier
- 24 Lois Call
- 25 Gregg Ellyn Walker
Tim & Connie Forth
Billy Potter
Shirley Wilcox
- 29 Aaron Brownfield
- 30 Alex Ray



Pea Ridge Outreach Missions

POM will serve young mothers and their babies.

Baby Kits Diapers, sizes 1-5, Baby Wash/Shampoo, Wipes

Mommy Kits Soap, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Brushes/combs, Shaving Cream

A Bible and prayer will be offered to each family helped.

Place donated items in the boxes provided in the front entryway.

Monetary donations should be placed in a marked envelope and dropped in the offering tray.

Contact the church office if you have any questions.

Erica Mullins, Angel Music and Kramer Kaplan are organizing this Outreach Mission.

Erica and Angel will oversee the distribution.



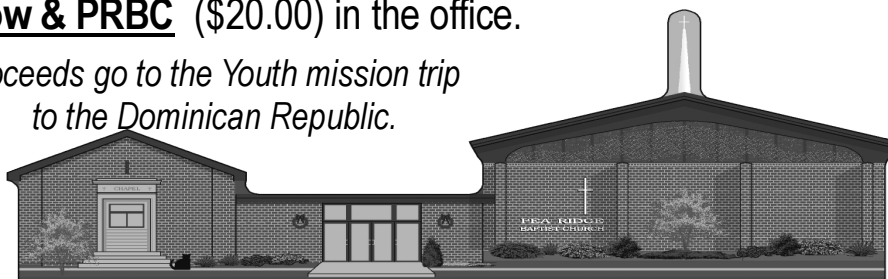
Dominican Republic Mission Trip

This Mission Team represents all of us.

We are still accepting donations... to make a donation, call the church office or drop a marked envelope in the offering tray.

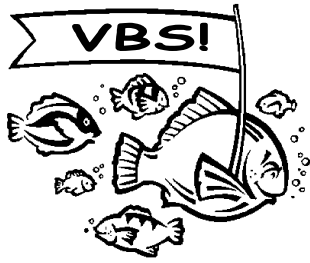
Cat's Meow & PRBC (\$20.00) in the office.

All proceeds go to the Youth mission trip to the Dominican Republic.



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PRBC Children Happenings



VBS Returns to PRBC This Summer

July 6-10, Monday-Friday, with a big finale Sunday morning
"Surfing God's Word"
Nursery - 5th grade

- Volunteers needed for craft preparations, chaperoning, food, games
- Van drivers (2 daily)
- Small toy prize donations (such as ring pops)
- Start praying for workers, teachers and students. Pray for God's guidance and His fruitful blessings that we (PRBC) may provide a fresh and exciting experience with God for our children.

PRBC Kids ROCK!

The following are the result of the **Cabell County school Social Studies Fair** which took place Saturday, March 14, 2009 at Cabell Midland High School.

Geography (Group)

First Place ...Davis Creek Elementary
Alex Ray, Max Creasy & Tyler Caldwell
"Bermuda Triangle"

Sociology (Group)

First Place ...Nichols
Hannah Villars & Kenna Spurlock
"Learning History Through Play"

US History (Group)

First Place ...Village of Barbourville
Dylan Phifer
"Pearl Harbor to 9/11"

Children's Church

Wednesday Team Kid Lessons

April 1 Courage to Live as Jesus Taught:

Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5-7)

April 8 No Evening Services

April 15 Courage to Care About Others:

The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)

April 22 Courage to Praise God:

The People Praise God (Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-10; Luke 19:27-38)

April 29 Courage to Remember What Jesus Did for Me:

The Lord's Supper (Matthew 26:17-20, 22, 26-30; Mark 14:12-17, 22-26; Luke 22:7-19; 1 Cor. 11:23-29)



Grow Opportunities



Special 4th & 5th Grade Class- This special class taught by Christina Black and Paul Bock will help our 5th graders make the transition to our Middle school and Youth groups.

Camp Cowen - Camp schedules and registration info is on the bulletin board closest to the Children's Dept. Check it out!

Journals - The children are writing in journals, a proven method of self-reflection and growth for children and adults. (Adults from Disciple 201 have been using journals, too.)

Volunteers Needed - Thank you to all who have served and



helped in the Children's Dept. in the last months. Your dedication has been a blessing.

Christina is needing help to cover certain classes because of family commitments. The lesson plans are set - all you would need to do is be available. (April 15)

Christina Black 633-2330

UPDATE!

Our Sunday school classes have been saving their money to buy nets for African families. Recently **Focus on the Family Clubhouse** magazine featured this operation which is sponsored by the National Basketball Association (NBA). This is the follow-up on their efforts.

P.S. Our kids are still collecting, if you would like to make a donation.

Net Results: More Than 2,000 Lives Saved!

"Clubhouse readers responded in a powerful way to the "Miserable Mosquitoes" story last November. By partnering with World Vision, Clubhouse families sent in more than \$10,000 that provided bed nets to 500 families in Africa. Every 40 seconds a child dies from malaria, but these bed nets will prevent future deaths. The monies also help educate villages and dry up standing water to decrease the mosquito population. You made a huge difference for God! "

PRBC Opportunities to Know and Grow



Discovering the God Who Really Is.

Everyone needs to have a clear understanding of who God is. This series will explore some major attributes of God. Beginning Easter Sunday, we will learn more about our God together.

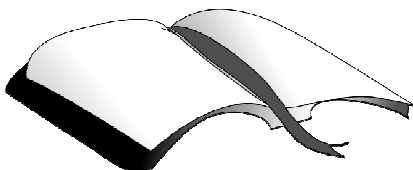


As The Bible Says...

People love to quote the Bible. Sadly, many of them incorrectly quote God's Word. A lot of people believe the saying "To err is human, to forgive, divine" is from the Bible. But this popular quote was actually written by Alexander Pope in the 18th century.

Look at the quotes below. Write "T" on line if you think it comes from God's Word. Write "F" if it doesn't. (Note: It's OK to use the Bible to search for the truth.)

1. "A man reaps what he sows."
2. "It is more blessed to give than to receive."
3. "The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil."
4. "God helps those who help themselves."
5. "Whoever finds me finds life."
6. "Look down from heaven in pity and compassion upon me Thy servant."
7. "All things God works together for the good."
8. "A cheerful heart is good medicine."
9. "Idle hands are the devil's tools."



1. True (Galatians 6:7); 2. True (Acts 20:35); 3. True (1 Timothy 6:10); 4. False (Ben Franklin); 5. True (Proverbs 8:35); 6. False (George Washington's prayer at Valley Forge); 7. True (Romans 8:28); 8. True (Proverbs 17:22); 9. False (Chaucer's Tale of

Easter Week Activities

Sunday, April 5

Services time changes
 9:30 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship Service
 Adult Choir performs "I've Seen Jesus"
 5:00 pm Dinner honoring Lulu Bowen

Tuesday, April 7 @ 4:00-6:00 pm

Prayer Vigil

Wednesday, April 8 @ 11:00-1:00 pm

Prayer Vigil
 (no evening services)

Thursday, April 9 @ 4:00 -6:00 pm

Prayer Vigil

Friday, April 10 @ 7:00 pm

Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 11 @ 2:00 pm

Easter Egg Hunt
 (See Christina Black to volunteer to help!)

Sunday, April 12

He Is Risen...Happy Easter!
 Regular AM Service Times
 9:00 am & 11:15 am Worship
 Sunday School 10:10 am
 No PM Services

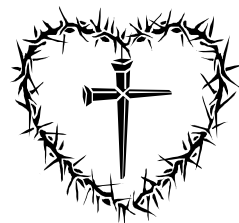
Prayer Vigil



This will be focused time of prayer for our church and the lost. If you have a person you would like for us to pray for, please, put their names on the Connection Card. Come and go anytime during the listed times.

Good Friday Service

"Reflect on the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus. Part of our time will be an attempt to experience the grieving and confusion that first met Christ's early followers moments after His earthly death. Join us for this meaningful service."



Living Hope

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Now the first day of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb.

But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. Then they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said the them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him."

Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?"

She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away."

Jesus said to her, "Mary!"

She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher).

Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God."

Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord...

John 20:1, 11-18a (NKJV)

Jesus Rises Up

(John 20)

After Jesus died on the cross, His body was put inside a tomb.

A heavy stone was placed in front of the opening.

When Mary Magdalene went to His tomb, she saw that the stone had been rolled away.

Jesus was not there!

Find the path that takes Mary to the tomb.

