



Pea Ridge Baptist Church



May
2009

“To Know Christ and Make Him Known!”

Share God Personally

For the past four months I have written about our vision statement... In **LOVE** we will **KNOW** Christ Completely... **GROW** in Maturity... **SERVE** Wholeheartedly... **SHARE** God Personally. It is our desire as a church to keep this as a primary focus in all we do. Our calling as a church and personally as Christians is to be disciple makers. Jesus' commission to us is found in each of the synoptic gospels (see Matthew 28: 18-20; Mark 16: 15; Luke 24: 45-49) and in the book of Acts...
“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (1: 8).

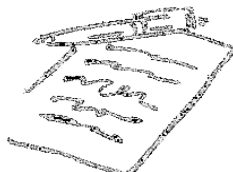
The importance of telling others about our faith in Jesus Christ has been part of being a Christ follower since the resurrection of Jesus Christ. There is a story recorded in the book of Acts about Peter and John and their witness for Christ. They had been preaching and were a nuisance to the religious leaders of the day. They were told to not preach anymore about Jesus... and this is what they said... *“we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard”* (Acts 4:20, NIV). They were so full of the presence of Christ... full of the knowledge that Jesus was alive... so full of his love for them, that they would not stop telling others about what they have experienced. Have you experienced... I mean truly experienced... the power of God's forgiveness, His love and faithfulness in your life? If so, you should not be able to keep silent!

There are some 4 billion unchurched people in the world who need to know of the love of Jesus Christ. They need to open their hearts to his forgiveness and acceptance. We know that *“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved”* (Romans 10: 13, NIV). People who experience the love of Jesus Christ and respond to him will be saved... that is a fact. But, they need to hear from someone and that someone might be you! *And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”* (Romans 10:14-15, NIV). Your life as a witness for Jesus Christ is a beautiful offering. Others will be blessed as they hear a personal encounter you have had with God.

That's what it means to **SHARE** God Personally. It's very simple, yet at times we can make it so complicated. Look at your life. How have you been blessed? What changes have come to your life as you experience God's presence in you? How is your life different as a result of **KNOWing** Christ Completely? Just share your heart so that someone else might share in the great inheritance of Christ. The Bible says *“For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory”* (Colossians 3:3-4, NLT).

Let someone enter into the glory of a relationship with Jesus Christ because of you. Tell your story, share your experience, live in God's love and you will make a difference in the world around you.

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)

May 6-Baked Chicken, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Dessert

May 13-Spaghetti, Bread, Salad, Dessert

May 20-Teriyaki Chicken, Rice, Pineapple, Green Beans, Dessert

May 27-Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Salad, Dessert



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.

The **June Newsletter** deadline will be **Sunday, May 17.**

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.

May	Mark Booth & Covenant Keeper's SS Class
June	Emerson Davis & Homebuilders SS Class
July	Ron Brownfield & Son Seekers 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.

Capital Funds

Pledges \$112,417.00

Donations \$94,872.00

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

With the paving at the front of our church, the Capital Funds List is complete!!

We have started renovating the restrooms downstairs by the Fellowship Hall. Any donations to this project are welcome!

Last update ... April 26

Keep Your Foodfair / Tower Receipts!

Foodfair Grocery Stores have begun a "community payback" program. Organizations can raise money for their causes. Our ABW will participate in this. Keep your Tower or any Foodfair store receipts and put them in a box on the table by the office.

Foodfair will return 1% of the total to us.

Tell your neighbors so they can save their receipts. One of the ABW women will periodically collect the receipts and when we have enough, then we will take them to the Tower to be redeemed.

So ... Shop at Tower (or any Foodfair store), keep the receipts and turn them in at the church.

A BIG THANK YOU to Tower and the Foodfair stores.



Since January we have added seven new members to our church family...

*Bill Jones, Rebecca Chavez, Melanie Sweeney
Matt & Stephanie Chapman, Greg & Earlicee Porter*

We welcome these to our family and pray that they will find a home and a place to serve.



Next Steps Luncheon
Sunday, May 17 12:30 pm
(in the fellowship hall)

Come, have lunch with the pastor. Talk about how you can join in at PRBC, where you can be involved and how you can serve!

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



Mother/Daughter Covered Dish Dinner

Friday, May 8 Special Speaker, Lois Merritt

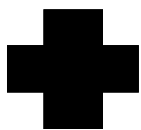
Bring your favorite dish!

Lois is a member of the New Baptist Church in Huntington and teacher at Covenant School. She is an excellent speaker and teacher who will bring a new Biblical view on mothers and daughters as well as the news about how God supplied the needs of their new church. It's an amazing story.

A sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer will let us know how many places to set at the table. Please give your name and how many will be with you.

No charge! Everyone is asked to bring an item for the Pea Ridge Outreach Mission (POM), for babies and mommies. (Hint: They really need diapers!)

- 1 Michael Wheeler
Lynne Hudson
Donald Black
- 2 Deanna Hicks
- 3 Brittany Mencotti
Greg Villars
Olivia Sweeney
Chelsie Hicks
- 4 Jeff & Crystal Welch
- 5 Beau Carson
- 6 Michael & Donna Wheeler
Mike & Tracie Smith
Mark & Cari Reed
- 7 Shawna Thompson
Jennifer Boggs
- 8 Betty Beckett
- 9 Greg Mink
Jefferey Biederman III
- 10 Paul Bock
Savina Caserta
Crystal Ferguson
- 11 Meagan Porter
David & Carla Whitt
- 12 Katie Black
Lennie & Janet Roe
- 13 Brian & Wendy Porter
- 14 Jaxon Nicely
Rusty & Cheryl Parsons
- 16 Willi Johnson
Steve & Angel Music
Jason & Amanda Hanshaw
- 17 Tom & Carolyn Boggs
Mary Lee Chambers
Chad Caserta
- 18 Hogan Carter
Coleton Wendell
- 19 Jane Smith
Cory Ford
- 20 Lucian Stevens
Emerson Davis
Eric Frazier
Justin & Jennifer Boggs
- 25 Ron & Janie Brownfield
Randy & Gloria Urian
Jon & Tina Pullen
- 27 Wes Urian
Paul & Vicky Short
- 28 Emerson & Jean Davis
Buddy Arbaugh
Mark Booth
Teresa Harper
- 30 Jerry & Tiffany Clay
- 31 Shane & Elizabeth Nicely
Carl & Mary Martin
Justin Boggs



Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, May 30
10:00 am—4:00 pm
At the church

Blood donations are used for cancer patients, surgeries, illness-related transfusions and accident victims.

By giving a little ... you can help so many!

Needed: Donors, workers and food

To help or sign up to donate, contact Barbara Bragg (304-733-1902) or call the church office.

Walk-ins are expected and welcome.
The Red Cross, also, loves it when people schedule themselves, especially for 'double blood' donations.



Pea Ridge Outreach Missions (POM)

POM will serve young mothers and their babies.

Baby Kits Diapers, sizes 1-5

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



Coats, Jackets...

and such have been found in the Preschool and Primary classrooms.

They are hanging on the hooks near the office. Check them out.

Thank you for the dinner, the love offering and especially for the kind words you have shared with me.
-Lulu Bowen



Thank You PRBC!

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PRBC Children Happenings

Baby Dedication Sunday

May 10, 2009

Savina Michelle Caserta

May 10, 2008

Parents: Chad & Michelle Caserta

Olivia Dawn Music

June 8, 2008

Parents: Steve & Angel Music

Carson Brent & Kenzie Lynn Boggs

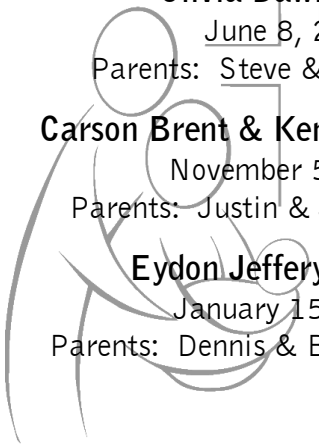
November 5, 2008

Parents: Justin & Jennifer Boggs

Eydon Jeffery Stratton

January 15, 2009

Parents: Dennis & Brittany Stratton



Cowen Dates

Youth Work Day ... May 15-16

Younger Midler ... June 5-7

Jr. High 1 ... June 7-13

Sr. High ... June 8-14

Jr. High 2 ... June 21-27

Mid-High ... June 28-July 4

(VBS @ PRBC) ... July 6-10

Junior 1 ... July 12-18

Junior 2 ... July 26-Aug. 1



Promotion Sunday

For Sunday School Classes

June 7

Children's Church

Starting May 10 Special 4th/5th Grade

Discipleship Class

This special class taught by Christina Black and Paul Bock will help our 4th graders know what will be expected of them next year as the older/mentors and will help our 5th graders make the transition to our Middle school and Youth groups. These lessons will continue for several weeks.



Volunteers Needed

to cover the Second Service Children's Church starting May 10. This is to allow Christina time with the Special 4th/5th Grade Class.



Wednesday Team Kid Lessons

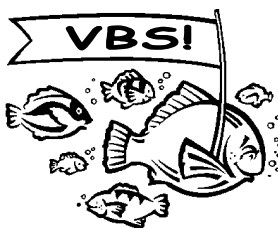
May 6 Courage to Recognize God Sent His Son to Die for My Sins: Jesus Died To Save the World

May 13 Courage to Respond to the Holy Spirit's Leading: Pentecost and the Coming of the Holy Spirit

May 20 Courage to Tell Others about God's Love: Philip and the Ethiopian

May 27 Courage to Listen to Jesus: Saul's Conversion

Vacation Bible School



July 6-10, Monday-Friday

6:30 - 8:30 pm

with a big finale Sunday morning

"Surfing God's Word"

Nursery - 5th grade

- Volunteers needed soon for craft preparations
- Volunteers need to sign-up for chaperoning, food, games
- Volunteers needed for Van Ministry Supervisor & Drivers
- Donations of small toy prizes (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.

Christina Black 633-2330

PRBC Opportunities to Know and Grow

Congratulations Graduates!

Graduate Sunday, May 17

Cameron Porter—Son of Brian & Carol Porter
Cabell Midland High (Berkeley School of Music)

Ethan Michael Long—Son of Mike & Julie Long
Fairland High (will be attending Marshall's Nursing Program)

Emily Mink—Daughter of Greg & Amy Mink
Huntington High

Caleb Brownfield—Son of Ron & Janie Brownfield
Cabell Midland (3rd in class)

Erica Mullins—Mother of Austin & Jada Mullins
Marshall University—BA in Secondary Education

Charles "Chad" Forth—Son of Tim & Connie Forth
Virginia Tech - BS in Electrical Engineering

Kristin Ellis—Daughter of Mike & Mitzi Ellis
Marshall University—BS in Communication Disorders

Katherine Margaretta "Katie" Frazier
Marshall University—BS in Nursing (magna cum laude)

Jessica Stapleton—Wife of Jake Stapleton
Marshall University Graduate College
Master of Arts—Special Education (autism certification)

If you have a graduate you would like added to this list, contact the church office ASAP.



Youth News

We are going to Cowen cleanup May 15th and 16th. Leave church Friday 15th 4:30pm bring money for dinner. We will be back Saturday 16th around 7:30-8:00pm.

We are starting a new set of video-driven lessons, **Gospel Journey**. We will learn more about how to share our Christianity with others. Although geared toward the youth, this class is a wonderful experience for Christians of all ages.

Wednesday and Sunday evenings
Everyone welcome, please bring a friend!!!

Congratulations, Lensie!

Lensie Cyrus has been selected to be a part of the Youth Ministry Planning Team for 2009-2010. The YMPT plans all the State Youth events for the year. She was inducted Saturday, April 25, at the Omega Event.

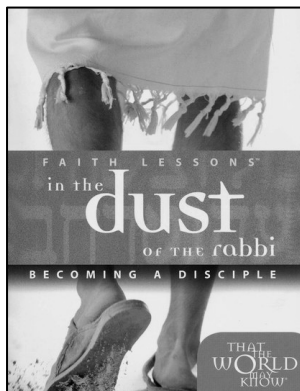
Covenant Keepers Sunday School class

A lesson series based on the movie, **"Fireproof"**



It is not too late to be part of the life-changing experience.

Sunday mornings at 10:10 am.



In The Dust of the Rabbi -

"Follow a rabbi, drink in his words, and be covered in the dust of his feet"... so says an ancient Jewish proverb, encouraging disciples to follow right on the heels of their teacher. In this powerful DVD study, journey on-location to Israel and Turkey. Discover the first-century practice of a Jewish rabbi and his disciples ("talmidim"), and gain new insight into the message of Christ.

The vision of our church is to make disciples and is based on Jesus' words from Matthew 28:19. But to make disciples, we need to be sure we understand the context of Jesus' command. As we gain a deeper understanding of the heart and life of a Christian disciple, you'll see for yourself the consuming passion that directs the steps of every true disciple of Christ- to love and obey the

commands of Jesus with all one's heart, soul, mind and strength.

Beginning Sunday, April 26th, this five week small group study will be offered in the fellowship hall from 10:15 until 11:00 am. Muffins and coffee will be provided. Join us as we **GROW In Maturity** in our walk with Jesus.