



Pea Ridge Baptist Church



June
2009

Growing In The Word

“To Know Christ and Make Him Known!”

At the beginning of May, I began recording some of my thoughts from my daily reading in the LIFE Journal. The LIFE Journal is a very simple tool for deepening my relationship with Jesus Christ. There is a daily scripture reading, a time to reflect on and write about your observations on a scripture that was particularly meaningful to you and then a time of prayer asking God to make His truth alive in your life for that day and for the needs of others around you. I have found that this process has enriched my daily devotions and given me a greater grasp on God's Word.

The following is a post from my LIFE Journal blog. You can read this most every day at www.gklifejournal.blogspot.com or you can access it from the church website at www.pearidgebaptist.com.

Monday, May 4, 2009

Undeserved Kindness

Scripture. "When Mephibosheth, son of Jonathan, the grandson of Saul, came to David, he bowed down to pay him honor. David said, "Mephibosheth!"

"Your servant," he replied.

"Don't be afraid," David said to him, "for I will surely show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan. I will restore to you all the land that belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will always eat at my table." 2 Samuel 9:6-7 (NIV)

Observation. I have always loved the story of Mephibosheth. I have a hard time saying his name, but his story is one that gives us hope. Mephibosheth was the son of Jonathan and the grandson of Saul. If you remember, David and Saul had an adversarial relationship, but Jonathan and David were very close and held a deep love for each other. I believe this story shows the great mercy and love of our God. David wanted to bring some peace and restore some brokenness of his past, so he looked for someone from Jonathan's family to show the kindness and love of God toward. Mephibosheth would remain in the care of the King for the remainder of his days, eating at the King's table and enjoying a prosperous life.

When I think of this story, I can't help but think that this is the story of my life. In my brokenness, God calls to me to come and sit at his table. Everyone is broken by sin, but through the love and kindness of our mighty God, we are brought into the riches and blessings of God. Through God's son, Jesus, we have redemption of sin and the hope and promise of eternal life.

I am thankful for all that God gives to me each day!

Ask. If God has shown me such kindness and love; I ought to show the same to those around me. One practical application is to take each opportunity we are given throughout the day and accept someone in the same kindness and love that has been shown to you.

Prayer. "Lord, thank you for reaching down and picking me up and placing me at your table in a position of honor. I receive your gift and humbly walk in your way today. Thanks for your abiding presence in my life. Fill my heart with the same love you have shown to me, so that I might be your hands and feet to those around me today." Amen

-Posted by Greg's Life Journal at 7:27 AM

If you would like to join in reading through the scriptures with Pastor Greg, please email him at gcreasy@pearidgebaptist.com or contact him at 304.634.6161.

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a note from Pastor Greg Creasy...

Wednesday Dinner Thank You

BIG Thanks to Erica Mullins for organizing the Wednesday evening family dinners this past school year. She and her helpers did a fantastic job. Remember... no organized mid-week dinners throughout the summer.



The July Newsletter deadline will be Sunday, June 21.

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

2009 PRBC Usher & Greeter Schedule

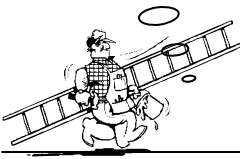
We will be highlighting different ministry groups in the church by having them serve as ushers & greeters for one month. Each group is required to be sure that someone is there to cover their assigned weeks. This is for both morning services in the month listed.

June	Emerson Davis & Homebuilders SS Class
July	Ron Brownfield & Son Seekers SS Class
August	Brian Porter & College 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.

Special Renovation Project

We have started renovating the large restrooms downstairs by the Fellowship Hall. The church recently voted that since the Capital Funds Project is complete the remaining Capital Funds will be placed in the Special Building Fund for this new project. So, keep the donations coming and we'll have new restrooms downstairs soon.



Pea Ridge Outreach Missions (POM)

POM is ready to start serving young mothers and their babies. Spread the word. Flyers are available in the office.



Softball Game Schedule

Monday, June 1	6:00 pm vs. <i>Beulah Ann</i>
Tuesday, June 9	6:00 pm vs. <i>River Cities</i>
Tuesday, June 16	6:00 pm vs. <i>Fellowship</i>
Monday, June 22	6:00 pm vs. <i>New Baptist</i>
Monday, June 29	6:00 pm vs. <i>Union</i>
Monday, July 6	6:00 pm vs. <i>Beulah Ann</i>
Monday, July 13	6:00 pm vs. <i>River Cities</i>
Tuesday, July 21	6:00 pm vs. <i>Fellowship</i>
July 27 & 28	<i>First Round of Tournament</i>

Church Library

We have books and videos in the Library room downstairs AND we have lesson-driven videos in the office that can be checked out. This summer can be a blessed time of Bible study together for your family.



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

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



Interested in praying about the needs of others?

Join us as we pray for one another! Add your name to the email prayer list by contacting Leigh Ann Creasy at leighannbc@gmail.com.

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

Summer Opportunities to GROW

Starting Wednesday, June 17...

"Love 'em, Got 'em, Get 'em Going!"

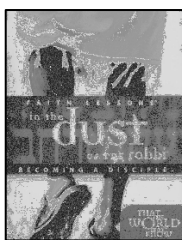
"From Visiting to Belonging"

What in the world is Assimilation? *** What part do each of us play in Assimilation?

Come get a better understanding and catch the vision that God is sharing with us about assimilation and discipleship. These three Wednesday studies are designed to help us at PRBC with "the Big Picture" and next steps in making disciples. All are welcome! Classes held in the Fellowship Hall.

Starting Wednesday, July 15...

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.

This is a five week small group study. Join us as we GROW In Maturity in our walk with Jesus.

Starting Wednesday, August 19...

What They Believe

Beginning in August, Pastor Greg will be looking at some widely known religions, exploring what they believe and how we might respond from our Christian faith. He will explore the beliefs of Muslims, Jehovah's Witness, Mormons and more. Don't miss this informative time as we strength the defense of our faith.

ABW Update

Thanks to everyone who attended, brought guests or worked in any way at the Mother-Daughter Dinner. Lois Merritt, our guest speaker, challenged each of us women to emulate the characteristics of Abigail as recorded in 1 Samuel 25 (exciting incidents in the life of King David.) We also especially appreciated the music provided by Frances Turner, both the singing and the yodeling! Jackie Snavely and Gloria Urian had some really neat categories and prizes, too. Quite a few packages of diapers and other baby items were brought for POM.

Thank you! Thank you!

Remember! Keep your Tower / Foodfair receipts (and those of your neighbors and friends) and put them in the small basket on the table in the foyer. Deposit Campbell Soup labels in their box on the table as well.



- 1 **Michael & Carla Martin**
Joyce Frazier
- 2 **Hannah Leonard**
- 3 **Gary & Cathy Hensley**
- 4 **Paula Bowen**
Jeff Kaplan
Gloria Urian
- 5 **Betty McClure**
Don & Christina Black
Thomas & Diana Murphy
Misty Shoemaker
- 7 **Alexis Alexander**
Mark Reed
MacKenzie Ford
- 8 **Ricky Harvey**
Kenslee Ferguson
Olivia Music
- 9 **Diane Simpson**
- 10 **Cari Reed**
Brandon & Katie Frazier
- 11 **Kim Warnock**
- 12 **Helen Shoemaker**
- 14 **Derek Smith**
Tyler Martin
Rick Abel
- 16 **Sue Bock**
Sara Fuller
Caelan Keefer
- 17 **Tom & Ann Vickers**
- 18 **Roger & Teresa Harper**
Nicholas Caserta
Diana Murphy
- 19 **Luke Creasy**
- 20 **Mike Long**
Donna Kaplan
Sherry Wendell
- 21 **Alex Bock**
Kaedlee Potter
- 22 **Lulu Bowen**
- 23 **Briana Crum**
- 26 **Randy Urian**
- 28 **Jared & Brittany Brownfield**
- 29 **Robert & Diana Blankenship**

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PRBC Children & Youth Happenings

"Surfing God's Word"

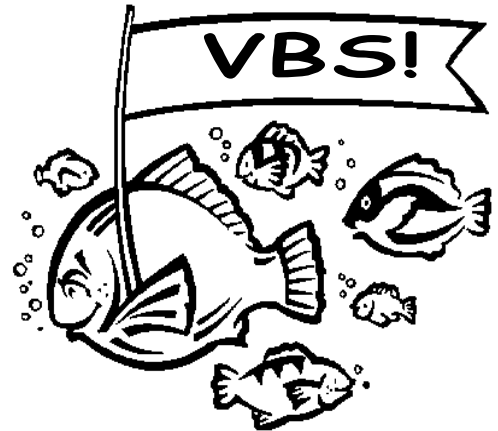
Nursery - 5th grade

Vacation Bible School

July 6-10, Monday-Friday

6:30 - 8:30 pm

with a big finale Sunday morning



- Group Leaders
- Snack Helpers
- Drivers
- Painters
- Donations...T-shirts (Toddler to Adult Large)

Pre-Registration Forms are available in the church office and in the Children's Department!!!
 Pre-register your child and invite others from your community.
 Help us get an accurate count so we can be better prepared.

Van Pick-up will be available in certain communities for visitors & new faces.... sign up today so we can determine which communities.

Contact the **office at 304-736-5572** (prbc@pearidgebaptist.com) or **Christina Black at 304-633-2330** (cb4given@yahoo.com) to find out if a church van will be in your community.

Children's
Church
 "School's Out"
 Pool Party
 Sunday, June 7
 @ 5:30 pm

Cowen Dates

- Younger Midler ... June 5-7
- Jr. High 1 ... June 7-13
- Sr. High ... June 14-20
- 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

Pea Ridge Youth Group Schedule

June

- Wednesday, June 10th Kings Island Outing. Meet at church 7:00 am. We plan to stay until closing and will be back around 11:30-12:00 (midnight). Tickets are \$28.00 per person. Bring money for breakfast, lunch and dinner. We will eat breakfast at McDonalds in Portsmouth.
 - Sunday 14th Aftermeet for Middle School at the Esteps 7:00pm
 - Sunday 21st Meet (Father's Day no evening church) for High School at Rodney and Paula Adkins 7:00 pm
 - Wednesday 24th City Mission. Meet at church at 6:30 pm
 - Sunday 28th Canvass community for VBS. Meet at church @ 6:00 pm.
- Don't forget to sign up for Camp Cowen.***