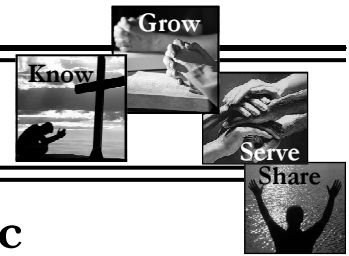




Pea Ridge Baptist Church



August
2009

“To Know Christ and Make Him Known!”

PRBC in the Dominican Republic

Sunday, July 19

“A Great Day” by Johnna Gaunch

What a beautiful (and HOT) Sunday morning! We gathered at the Baptist church in San Pedro for church this morning. We sang hymns, praise songs and heard a sermon from the pastor, Gary Hale. We sang along with the songs we recognized and clapped along with the songs we didn't know. The image that I wish I could convey the most to you was when we were all singing “Shout to the Lord” together- different languages, but one spirit. After a quick lunch, we met back at the church and broke up into two groups. The adult ladies met with the pastor's wife, Allison, to discuss the way the church reaches out to women in the community. They create and sell jewelry to help provide educational opportunities. Meanwhile, the youth broke up into groups of four and distributed information about the new church school, opening in the fall. We got a quick look at the Dominican equivalent of Walmart and a few of us got to experience a ride on a moped, the most common way to get around in the DR. Then, we came back to the hotel for a little rest! It was a long, but very good day.

One story I absolutely must tell- we met a woman this morning named Julie. She has been coming to church for about two years. She is a believer and has been praying, together with her church family, for her husband's salvation. This morning she told us that he was going to meet with Miguel, one of the pastors, today. When we came back to church this evening, she told us that he had made a decision to follow Christ. She was so happy, she told us she cried all afternoon! What a privilege to be able to celebrate that with her. Our closing song for this evening's service sums it up best... “I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God”!

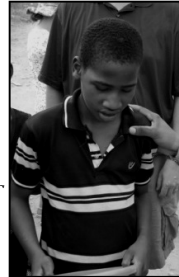
Monday, July 20

This afternoon we traveled to a village on the outskirts of San Pedro and handed out bags of rice, beans, oil and coffee. Here is how one of our youth put this experience into words...



“Food Distribution” by Alex Bock

Hello, today we went out to a village where it's not the nicest place but there is hope. Today while we were handing out food and Johnna Gaunch saw a house with flowers out front. All the rest of the town looked and did not feel any hope yet. I hope God will reach the rest of them. Another thing was when we were passing out Frisbees a kid read the back of one and it talked about being saved and what JESUS did for us. He went and talked to the pastor's son and prayed a prayer to ask Jesus in his heart. I think that he is the hope in that town. Thank you for reading this.



“A Day In The Village” by MacKenzie Warnock

Hey everybody!! Today has been a great day for so many people! (including us.) We went to one of the sugarcane villages for Bible school and we were all touched by the enthusiasm of everyone. The children's faces lit up as we stepped off the bus; they excitedly grabbed our hands and began to show us around. We all helped out in some way, whether doing crafts, puppets, games, making paper crowns for the kids, or helping with the lesson. The children were so happy to learn about God's word, and it changed our perspective on our wants and needs.

I think Alex Bock summed it up quite well in his prayer as we were on the bus home “Lord, they may not have the best houses or the best things or the best clothes, but we are thankful that they can have the best home in Heaven.”

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Church News & Announcements

New Photo Directory

Can you believe it's been three years since the last photo directory? There have been many changes in our church... new faces, new addresses and more.

**Olan Mills will be here ...
September 14-16
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
3:00-9:30 pm**

If these dates do not work for you and your family, you can go to another site where Olan Mills is taking pictures.

Also, we need pictures of Shut-Ins and Church/Military Members submitted to the church office.

Special Renovation Project

We are renovating the large restrooms downstairs. The women's is complete and the men's is now underway.

The Capital Funds Project is complete and by church vote 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.



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.

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.

August Brian Porter & College SS Class
September Tricia Leonard & Women in Faith 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.

The Wedding of Lisa Thomas and Chuck Fry



Saturday, August 8, @10:00 am
Union Missionary Baptist (Chesapeake, OH)

Lisa invites everyone to join her for this wonderful occasion. In order to give the caterer a correct count by July 12, Lisa is asking that anyone planning to attend her wedding & reception, please, sign the list in the office on the counter.



I would like to thank my church family for their support as I prepare for the Xtreme Team trip this summer. I ask for your continued prayers for my team and myself as we Xperience God in Russia.

You can keep up to date with our travels at

www.xtremeteamonline.org.

-Karen Bowen



ABW Update

Remember! Keep your Tower / Foodfair receipts (and those of your neighbors and friends) and put them in the small basket on the table by the office.

Also, deposit Campbell Soup labels in their basket on the table.

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



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

PRBC Study Opportunities

Sunday Mornings, July 26...

“Twisting The Truth”

The Shalom Class is examining the common but deadly deceptions that impact you every day. The most dangerous lies are the ones you never notice. In this six session video series, Andy Stanley exposes some common ways God's truth gets twisted. Each one has the potential to destroy your relationships, cloud your decisions and distort your perception of God. This study will help us to discover the ways the truth gets twisted in our lives and culture and, more importantly, how we can recognize and overcome them.

Join the Shalom class Sundays in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am. Coffee and refreshments are provided.

Beginning Wednesday, August 19...

Christianity, Church & Church Membership

All members and regular attendees of PRBC plan to attend this class.

How is Our Church Structured? Mission, Vision, Values, Doctrine

What Does It Mean To Be a Christian? Baptism, The Lord's Supper

What Does It Mean To Be a Member? Becoming an Active Member

Discovering My Life Mission

Focus on becoming a disciple ready to share the Good News of Jesus Christ...a commitment for the rest of our lives...being a messenger of God's Good News to others. It is about using our time, talents, and treasures for HIS Kingdom.

If you want to grow in an understanding of how to live so that others can know Christ...come to this class.

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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 strengthen the defense of our faith.

Beginning Sunday, September 27...

New Testament Challenge

This Fall our church will be participating in the *NEW TESTAMENT CHALLENGE* from September 28 – December 6. This spiritual growth campaign is designed to encourage each member of God's church to read the Bible daily. We will read through the New Testament in a period of 63 days (approximately 4-5 chapters a day – 15 to 20 minutes). The events of this campaign will give us opportunities to commit to habits of spiritual growth, scripture memorization, serve in a ministry in our church, share our faith, and learn the truths of God's Word for us through participation in a small group, Sunday School fellowship, discussions and sermons. Envision our entire congregation living in alignment as we read through the New Testament together, and the impact this could have on our church and our community!

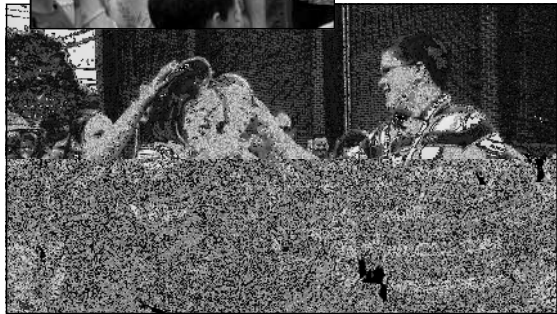
A major component to the *NEW TESTAMENT CHALLENGE* will be the establishment of Grow Groups. Grow Groups are essentially a small gathering of people, all with the desire to grow in their Christian maturity, and even for some to explore the Bible for the first time. Grow Groups will meet at least weekly for reflection and discussion of the week's readings. Each group will be asked to serve somewhere, to engage in some type service-oriented evangelism event. It is our prayer and desire to see 100% or all members, regular attendees and guests of Pea Ridge Baptist to participate in a Grow Group.



- 1 Hunter Black
Stan & Amy Herrenkohl
- 2 **Kent & Jennifer Browning**
Crystal Welch
- 3 Willie Wilson
- 4 Doug Chesebrough
Patti Phifer
- 5 Jessica Stapleton
Roger Wilcox
Brent & Lee Anne Beckett
- 6 Kellie Cyrus
- 7 **Jimmie & Malinda Henderson**
- 8 Drew Elkins
- 9 Andrew Bock
Misty Dillman
- 10 Jennifer Parsons
Chris & Karen Carson
Jake Stapleton
Mark & Carla Booth
Stephen Wilson
Nathan Smith
Lyndsay Wilson
- 11 Lewis Shoemaker
Sarah Walker
- 12 **Rob & Renee Ray**
Cheryl Hall
Rodney Adkins
- 13 Patricia Jordan
Liz Groves
- 14 Gerri Hall
Ron & Stacie Kemp
Stan Herrenkohl
Averie Winters
- 15 Rob Ray
Earlicee Porter
- 16 Jerry Clay
Paul Short
Jeremy and Janessa Heck
- 17 Breanna Martin
- 19 Jimmie Henderson
Lindsay Stewart
Zach Stevens
Peggy Crowder
- 20 Rebecca Porter
Remington McClure
- 22 Shane Dotson
- 23 Betty Poynter
- 24 Kathy Cosco
- 26 Brent Beckett
Max Creasy
Jim Frazier
Karen Twohig
- 27 Brian Porter
- 28 David Groves
Gary Hensley
Paul & Joyce Jordan
Gary & Juanita Dempsey
- 29 Denise Johnson
Bob Warnock
Phillip Hensley
- 30 Ryan Keefer
Jill Stevens
Jerry & Tiffany Clay
Trevor & Heather Blake
- 31 Loarine Pauley
Chad Booth
Haley Martin

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PRBC Children & Youth Happenings



Vacation Bible School "Surfing God's Word"

Each night we had over 200 workers, volunteers and kids (the kids outnumbered the adults by ... A LOT!) During VBS we had four children make decisions to begin a relationship with Jesus and two were baptized Sunday, July 12.

The vans made four trips every night and five trips on Friday. We would like to see the van ministry grow and become an integral part of our Children's Ministry... starting with Sunday mornings. By Sunday morning after VBS we had children waiting for and counting on the van to pick them up and bring back to church again, some with tears because the vans were running late, due to the number visitors taking advantage of the van rides.

Thank you AGAIN to all who participated and helped VBS in any and every way! We are getting some great feedback from visitors. We fully believe God is still working in the lives of those we were blessed to have with throughout the week and the parents we met on Sunday at the Luau, which was another great blessing. Thank you to Jim Phifer and his team for the wonderful, delicious food.

WHAT A WEEK!

Children's Christmas Missions... \$1,011.49

Michelle Martin, Youth Director Paul Bock, Jeremy Heck, Pastor Greg Creasy, Louie Gaunch and, of course, Children's Director Christina Black were great sports. These funds will be used by the Children's Department for Christmas Shoeboxes and Angel Tree gifts.

Thank you to all who got into the game and contributed to this wonderful effort.

*Deut. 6:5-7 "Love the Lord your God
with all your heart, with all your soul and
with all your strength.*

*These commandments are to be upon your hearts.
Impress them on your children.*

*Talk about them when you sit at home and
when you walk along the road, when you lie down and
when you get up."*

*Thank you, Christina, for your dedicated work
for our Children's Ministry.
Our VBS was wonderful.*

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Tuesday, July 21 2009

Our team had another great day of ministry here in the Dominican Republic. Here are some thoughts about our ministry activities today...



“Another Day Ministry” by Hannah Gaunch
 Today we visited another sugarcane village called Boca de Chavon to run another VBS. This second VBS ran more smoothly than the first, but I was still amazed at how loving the kids are. They don't hesitate to grab your hand, hug you, or sit on your lap. Their joy was obvious from their smiles and laughter at the simplest things like getting their picture taken or running their fingers through our hair (especially the girls with curly hair like me). The kids left an impression on me personally and I'm going to miss walking with a little dark hand in each of mine. I am so grateful

for the opportunity to come here and experience this. Thank you for praying for us and please continue to remember us.

...by Brooke Estep

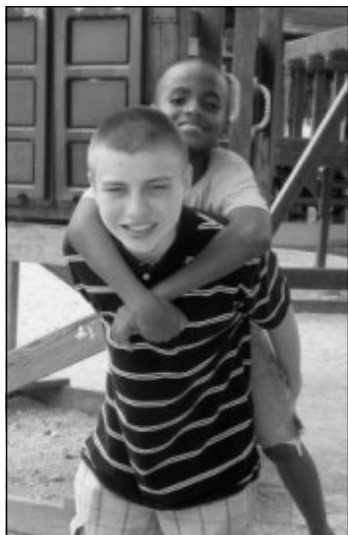
After we finished in the sugar cane village we went to a girl's orphanage in La Romana. As we came through the door; a hoard of girls were anxiously awaiting our arrival. They grabbed our hands and pulled us toward the covered area in the courtyard. When we sat down on the tables, they sat behind us and began to vigorously to play with our hair. The girls in our group (including me) had our hair parted with sucker sticks, plastic pieces, and bobby pins. We also had pigtails, cornrows, braids and ponytails as a final result. The lesson was about Jesus and the little children and at the end we made crowns out of bulletin board liner for them. Later on, we played baseball with some girls, while others re-braided our hair and played with jacks. As we left, they hugged us and told us goodbye. They waved to us on their bus as we left on ours. I'm glad we got to make such an impact today. Thanks for your prayers!!



Wednesday, July 22

“Moving Out Of Our Comfort Zone”

This morning we are headed to the capital city, Santo Domingo for some shopping and tract distribution. We will be spending more of the day there. Please pray that as the word of God goes out today that hearts will be ready to receive the truth of God's word. We are thankful for the opportunity to hand out the tracts, but it is out of the comfort zone for many. We chose today to allow God to build character in us and be used by him. Pray for our continued safety and for continue fruitful ministry here. We love you all and appreciate your support from home. Here are some more pictures from yesterday's ministry.



For more news and up-to-date information, check out our web page at www.pearidgebaptist.com