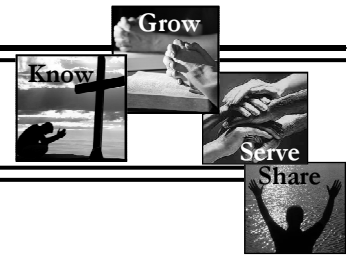




Pea Ridge Baptist Church



September
2009

Judged by the Word of God

“To Know Christ and Make Him Known!”

"For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from His sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account." Hebrews 4:12-13 (ESV)

The Word of God is so alive for each of us every day. I am so grateful to our God for revealing Himself through His word. I have read these verses given above many times in my life. In fact, just a couple of weeks ago I shared verse 12 with you on a Sunday morning. God's Word, the Bible, needs to be alive in every Christian's life. We must constantly feed on God's words - written for you and me...everyday! There is so much to be gained from reading the Bible.

First, it helps me to discern right from wrong. Every day, I am faced with so many decisions. As I read the Word of God, I receive instruction on how to conduct my life and the difference between right and wrong. The Word of God aids my discernment in life. It keeps my heart and mind focused on God's plan and not my own.

Secondly, it helps me discern the thoughts and intentions of my heart. The Message paraphrase of the scripture says it can be used for "*laying us open to listen and obey*". Isn't that what we really want from God...to listen and to obey all that He has for us? The Bible is one of the primary ways that God speaks to us. It is one of the ways that God reveals His heart and will to each of us. It is so important

that we open our lives to what God wants for us and to find His will for our lives. Without this type of direction, we will most likely end up pursuing our own direction in life. I don't know about you, but I really want my life to move in God's direction...for the building of God's kingdom and for His ultimate glory.

So why is it so important that we listen to God and respond in obedience? Verse 13 gives us good reason...we are not hidden from God's sight. We are exposed to the very God who created us and who will one day judge our lives...so it is extremely important that we live by the truth of God's Word.

As we are preparing for the **New Testament Challenge**...I want all people to realize the importance of reading God's Word for themselves. It is not my responsibility to make others grow...they have to take responsibility for this themselves. This is a tremendous opportunity for our church to grow together as we read God's word. It is a chance for every person attending PRBC to open their lives individually to grow in the Word of God. One thing I am certain of...when we begin reading the Bible together, we will not remain the same. We will be challenged and encouraged. We will be open to new thoughts from the Word of God and be strengthened in our relationship with God and each other.

I want to encourage each one of you to be part of the **New Testament Challenge**. I want each of you to make the commitment to grow in the Word of God. I know you will be blessed if you just open your life today. Look for more information in this newsletter and in the weeks to come for how you can be involved in the **New Testament Challenge!**

5945 E. Pea Ridge Road
Huntington, WV 25705
304.736.5572 (office)

prbc@pearidgebaptist.com
gcreasy@pearidgebaptist.com

www.pearidgebaptist.com



a note from Pastor Greg Creasy...

Church News & Announcements

New Photo Directory



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.

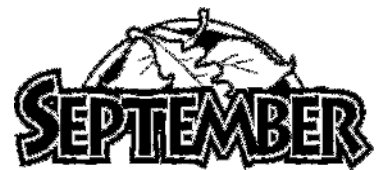
Submit any changes in your family, numbers, addresses, etc. to the church office ASAP.

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.

- September** Deacons & Trustees
- 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.



- | | |
|---|---|
| 3 Barry Ferguson
Dylan Phifer
Johnna Gaunch
4 Roger Harper
Peggy Neal
Tracie Smith
5 Kelli Estep
Katie Frazier
6 Kim Villars
8 Russell Prichard
Jim & Jane Smith
14 Karen Parsons-Koerner
Brooke Jordan
David Whitt
Caleb Brownfield
15 Rob Ray
16 Lensei Cyrus
18 Laney Dempsey
Taylor Wilcox
Ethan Long | 20 Connie Forth
22 Griffin Dempsey
Molly Runyon
Terry Stubblefield
23 Carla Booth
24 Kessach Mencotti
Jesiah Winters
25 Amy Herrenkohl
26 Chris Carson
Carla Hamlin
Matthew Wilson
Barry & Crystal Ferguson
28 Adena Harvey
Wayne Richards, Jr.
Jamie Henderson
29 Angie Martin |
|---|---|

College Student Dinners

Every Sunday following the morning services, there will be a home cooked meal provided for our college students. Free of charge! A church van will be at the Campus Christian Center at 10:45 am. All MU students are welcome.

Church members... if you would like to help with this ministry, contact Janie Brownfield at 304-633-8128 or Kellie Cyrus at 304-638-4859.

Fall Music Schedule

We are excited to begin a new season of praise through music. We gladly extend an invitation to everyone in the church to join us.



Children, teens and adults will have practice on Wednesday.

- Wednesdays 5:30 pm Youth Praise Team
(every other week, starting 9/9)
- 6:30 pm Adult Choir (every week)
- 7:30 pm Children's Choir
(every other week, starting 9/16)

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

T₁ H₄ E₁ N₁ E₁ W₄ T₁ E₁ S₁ T₁ A₁ M₃ E₁ N₁ T₁ C₃ H₄ A₁ L₁ L₁ E₁ N₁ G₂ E₁

The *NEW TESTAMENT CHALLENGE*, beginning September 27, is designed to encourage each member of God's church to read through the New Testament in a period of 63 days (approximately 4-5 chapters a day – 15 to 20 minutes). This campaign will give us opportunities for 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 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 and to engage in some type of service-oriented evangelism event. This interactive study allows for a deeper understanding of God's Word and His truths which are to be lived out in our lives. It is our prayer and desire to see 100% of all members, regular attendees and guests of PRBC to participate in a Grow Group.



GROW Group Schedule

Sundays	Greg & Leigh Ann Creasy	6:00 pm (Permele Circle)
	Mark & Kathleen Napier	6:00 pm (Malcolm Road)
Mondays	Dave & Carla Whitt	6:30 pm (7 Pinecrest Lane)
Tuesdays	Johnna Gaunch	9:00 am
Wednesdays	Bryan & Melanie Sweeney	6:30 pm (Giovannis on Rt. 60)
		6:30 pm (Fellowship Hall)
Thursday	Darlis Stutler & Lennie & Janet Roe	6:00 pm (Fairview Drive)
	Greg Creasy	8:00 am (Starbucks)
Friday	Donald & Christina Black	6:00 pm (19 Dickson Lane)
	Jeff & Paige Stratton & Nan Richards	6:00 pm (Hurricane/Milton area)
To Be Scheduled	Barbara Bragg (Adult)	
	Ken & Lois Harman	

Youth GROW Group Hosts & Leaders (Sundays 5:30-8:00 pm)

Middle School — Becky Porter, Barbara Bragg, Trish Leonard
 Middle School — Karen Simon, Mark & Carla Booth, Nan Richards
 High School — Lita Wright, Cathy Hensley, Roger Wilcox, Trevor Wilson, Paul Bock

GROW Group Hosts and Leaders are still needed. Contact Bryan ASAP, if you would like to serve at 304-549-9812 or bsweeney@pearidgebaptist.com.

Prayer and Fasting for Spiritual Breakthrough

As our church prepares to participate in *THE NEW TESTAMENT CHALLENGE* it is paramount that we put our hearts in the right place, with the right attitude and with an openness to receive from God. To aid in this preparation, there will be a series of prayer gatherings at the church during the weeks leading up to the start of the Campaign. These times will be open to everyone in the church and will allow anyone to come and pray by themselves or with others who are participating.

I am also calling all people at Pea Ridge to a Spiritual Fast. Each Wednesday I am calling all members and those who attend on a regular basis to fast from sun up to sun down each Wednesday. This will give us times to focus on God and His work among us through the *NEW TESTAMENT CHALLENGE*.

Wednesdays

September 2 5:30 – 7:00 (Library)
 September 9 5:30 – 7:00 (Library)
 September 16 5:30 – 7:00 (Library)
 September 23 5:30 – 7:00 (Library)

Sundays

September 6 9:00- 10:00 (Library)
 September 13 9:00- 10:00 (Library) & 6:00-7:00 (FH)
 September 20 9:00- 10:00 (Library) & 6:00-7:00 (FH)
 September 27 9:00- 10:00 (Library) & 6:00-7:00 (FH)

PRCB Youth Events

August

Sunday, the 30th
5:00-9:00 pm

Back to School Blast at Barboursville Park Shelter #7 (This is the shelter on the left as you enter the parking lot at the lake). Please bring desert and pop/water, two-liter or cans.

September

Wednesdays

5:30 pm Youth Praise Team/Choir Practice
6:30 pm Bible Study, "I AM"

Sundays (13th & 20th)

6:00-7:00 pm

Sunday night series on Worship

New Testament Challenge

Youth GROW Group Meeting Dates
(Sundays - 5:30 to 8:00 pm)

- September 27
- October 11
- October 25
- November 8
- November 22
- December 6

Please make sure you have signed up for a small group. Please contact Paul Bock or Kellie Cyrus, if you have any questions or need more information.

Youth GROW Group

Hosts & Leaders

Middle School

Becky Porter, Barbara Bragg & Trish Leonard

Middle School

Karen Simon, Nan Richards, Mark & Carla Booth

High School

Lita Wright, Cathy Hensley, Roger Wilcox, Trevor Wilson & Paul Bock

Children's Church

New Testament Challenge

Sunday, September 27 The children will begin our New Testament Challenge. Our booklet is a different than the adult version. Our reading schedule is a little lighter and more targeted. The children will read the Bible each day and then on Sunday, Children's Church and the Sunday school classes will reinforce what the children have read throughout that week or the upcoming week.

Memory verses will be given each week. The younger K-2 will learn a smaller portion of the verse and the older 3-5 will learn the whole verse. As the children learn and say their verses a "jewel" will be added to our special jar of "treasures." When the jar is full, we will have a celebration.

One of the Children's Department ministries for the fall will be the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. The collection scheduled is listed on the next page. We will start on those immediately.

All parents are asked to attend a Family Meeting. Friday, September 18 at 6:30 pm. Questions about the children's participation in this campaign will be a main topic.

The Children's NTC Booklets will be distributed in the classroom. These also will be available in the office or you can see Christina to get your copy.

Parent Tips

When it comes to the discipleship of your children, the Bible tells us in Deuteronomy that parents are given this job. As a church we are to help in this never-ending job. So you will be finding parent tips in each newsletter Hope you find them helpful.

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."

TIP *You are your child's first and most important role model. Take advantage of this by setting aside regular time for study and devotions. Add time for family devotions as well. This will show your child that taking time to study God's Word is important, and as time goes by they will learn to follow the example you have set.*

Christina Black,
Director Children's Ministry

Operation Christmas Child

Each year, many thousands of children who receive shoe box gifts enroll in our Operation Christmas Child Discipleship Program. Boys and girls who complete the Bible study course are awarded special diplomas, along with "Greatest Gift of All" New Testaments. These colorfully illustrated New Testaments include selected Old Testament stories and other Bible study helps, including a guide to sharing the Gospel with others.

One boy wrote this note of thanks. *"I am thankful to God because He gave me an opportunity to know Him more through this gift of a Bible. I will cherish this gift and always read it, so I will know Him more. Thank you very much, and may you have more opportunities to help children like us."*

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Donations

September 6	wash cloths & soap
September 13	tooth paste & tooth brushes
September 20	small dolls (must fit into shoebox)
September 27	small balls (must fit into shoebox)
October 4	small cars
October 11	hair barrettes & combs
October 18	various small toys such as yo-yos
October 25	stuffed animals (must fit into shoebox)

Wednesday Adult Bible Studies...

What They Believe

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

201
DISCIPLE

Spiritual Maturity

We will focus on discovering spiritual maturity through understanding the habits of a disciple, of spending time in God's Word, prayer, giving and fellowship. Some practical tools are given to help in the continued development of these important habits in our Christian lives.

Once you have completed Disciple 101, this is a good "next step" in your growth as a disciple. Join us.

Goal Crazy

My mom and I each grabbed a shopping cart and headed in different directions.

"This time only get what' on the list," she said.

"I'm picking school supplies, Mom," I said. "Of course I'll only get what's on the list." I headed to the toy aisle.

First on the list was a calculator, so I picked up a PlayStation portable. This thing had tons of cool math games on it. I also needed glue, so I found a robot tiger that shot sticky stuff out its mouth.

Next on the list was "ruler." Jesus is my Ruler, so I had that one covered! This left three items. I'd only been shopping for five minutes and was almost done.

The main thing I needed was a backpack. My old one still smelled like skunk. I spied a cool sleeping bag with straps on it. The list didn't say how big the backpack should be, and I could fit all my books in the sleeping bag. Plus, it was white, so I could use it to dress up as a burrito for my church's harvest party. A backpack and costume all in one-talk about a money-saving item!

As I reached for the sleeping bag, my mom walked up. Ten minutes later I had a boring calculator, a glue bottle, this weird brown stick with markings on it, a small backpack and no idea what to wear to my church's harvest party.

The next morning after my alarm clock went off for the fifth time, I grabbed my list of goals for the school year:

Don't hit snooze alarm in the morning.

Make all A's and B's or learn how to make my parents think C stands for "Colossally Good."

Be nice to Donny by not using big words around him.

Run for school office! "President Bob" -that has a ring to it!

Eat healthier (not three helpings of tater tots).

Live so everyone knows I'm a Christian without asking.

Twenty minutes later, I ran outside as the bus pulled up. I said a quick prayer and hurled myself straight onto the bus *Whack!* I then realized why my mom says its sometimes OK to pray with your eyes open-the bus driver hadn't opened the door yet. I stepped back... a little dazed... and tried again. Once on the bus, my nose filled with a familiar smell.

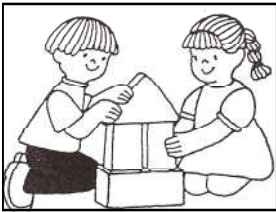
I sat down ready for the new school year and excited about what God had in store for me. As the bus took off, I had a big grin my face-until I saw my backpack sitting in front of my house!

"Club House" by Focus on the Family, September issue, p. 12

Pea Ridge Baptist Preschool & Afterschool

It's hard to believe that we find ourselves once again at the beginning of a preschool year. Looking to the upcoming preschool year, we will be making a few changes to our staff. We have added Ms. Nat Baumgardner to our preschool staff. She is no stranger to us as she worked with us a few years ago. She has decided to join us again. We also have Ms. Beth Burdette and Ms. Erin Sayre as well. We do have a few more spots available in our 4-year old room and also in our 5-year old classes.

We also have had to open an additional room this year, due to the enrollment of children, we are so thankful for God's blessings.



Our Afterschool program is growing with leaps and bounds and we have hired two new staff members for that program also. Ms. Laura Beth Meade and Ms. Alissa Chambers.

If you are interested in registering for either of these programs, please call Heather Blake at 304-634-4324.

We would like to take the time to thank all the church members for your continued support and prayers for our staff, students and for all of our activities.

Heather Blake,
Director



Apple Butter Weekend

Fall Festival on the Booth's Farm
Friday and Saturday, October 9th & 10th

Reserve your jar of Apple Butter NOW before it's all gone!

Cost is \$7.00 per quart and \$4.00 per pint.

In preparation to make our apple butter, we need volunteers to make applesauce. We will provide the apples!

If you have the time to help in this way, contact Carla.

Also, if you have any canning jars and/or rings you can donate, this would be greatly appreciated.

Contact Carla Booth at 733-4682 or 617-7289 to order.

(Proceeds go to Covenant Keepers SS class missions.)

Friday

6:00 pm

Hay Rides & Bonfire/Wiener Roast

Bring your hot dogs & marshmallows
(We will provide condiments in the barn.)

Camp Out

Don't forget your tent & sleeping bag.

Saturday

Hay Rides

All day

Morning-Apple Cider Making

Afternoon-Home-made Ice Cream

Covered Dish Dinner

5:30 pm Bring a dish and join us!

Apple Butter Making

All Day

Sign-up now to help stir & clean up.

*** Don't Forget to Bring Your Lawn Chairs! ***

Faith In Action

848 9th Avenue
Huntington, WV 25701

This is a wonderful nationwide interfaith volunteer care giving, non-profit program that works in our communities to help those who live alone, but need an extra set of hands occasionally. They assist in non-medical activities such as a ride to the grocery store or the mall, or putting away groceries or reading a book with someone. There are times in our lives when another set of hands or a listening ear is an invaluable asset. All services are free.

FIA does a few fundraisers each year and they accept donations. This year the donations have been low (no surprise there). If you can help in any way, please contact Executive Director Rose Thornburg at 304-697-1274 or emailfiarc@comcast.net or you can mail a donation to the address listed above. More information is available on their website at www.fiarivercities.org.

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE FUNDRIASER



2010 Toyoto Camry LE Raffle

Tickets are \$10 each

Drawing at Huntington's Chilifest on September 19.
For information about this raffle and the Ronald McDonald House please call 304-529-1122.

Military Addresses

Several have asked that our military members and their addresses be added to our monthly newsletters.

Matt is Stephanie Chapman's husband (Emma's daddy) and he is serving in Iraq on a transport team and on a rapid response team. Currently he is experiencing 115° days while wearing full gear. He and some of his "team" have been befriending the kids in their area. His family has been sending him basic school supplies for the kids. Please pray for Matt and for Stephanie.



PFC Matt Chapman
A Troop 1/150 ARS
Camp Striker, Iraq
APO AE 09322

Please submit other names, addresses and information to the church office to be included in future newsletters.

Mission Committee Report

PRBC Missions for the first half of 2009

International Mission

International Ministries-General	\$ 600.00
International Ministries-Turley	\$ 600.00
Hope Church, Ryazan, Russia	\$ 2,030.00
Debbie Mulneix	\$ 600.00

ABC Missions

RMMO	\$246.00
AFC	\$820.00
OGHS	\$ 20.00 (as of June 30)
WMO (in the fall)	

Regional Mission

West Virginia Baptist Convention	\$ 3,800.00
Baptist Campus Ministry	\$ 975.00
Camp Cowen	\$ 975.00
Weirton Christian Center	\$ 600.00

Local/Other Mission

A New Beginning	\$ 850.00
E.C.C.H.O.	\$1,119.00
Huntington City Mission	\$ 973.00
Branches	\$ 370.00
Radio Bible Class	\$ 50.00
Gideons	\$ 220.00
Child Evangelism Fellowship	\$ 450.00
(Nathan Sayre & Andrew Bock)	

Individual Missions

Karen Bowen	\$ 450.00 (Mission account)
	\$ 755.00 (Donations)
Jeremy Napier	\$ 250.00 (Mission account)
	\$1,940.00 (Donations)
The Brownfields	\$ 600.00 (Mission account)
	\$ 340.00 (Donations)

Total Donations \$19,633.00

Totals do not include the ABW contributions such as Love Gift.

