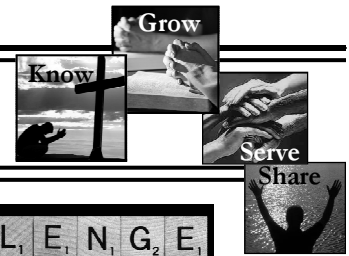




Pea Ridge Baptist Church



November
2009

“To Know Christ and Make Him Known!”

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We are right in the middle of the New Testament Challenge and what a blessing this has been in my life. Reading through the New Testament once again has been a tremendous time of growth for me. I have learned so many new and exciting things as I have read and as I hear others talking about their own reading. God is doing a great work in individuals and in our church as a whole and I am filled with awe as I watch God work.

In a few days we will be reading in the 17th chapter of the gospel of Luke. I want to focus on one verse in that chapter just for a moment.

One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, “Praise God!” He fell to the ground at Jesus’ feet, thanking him for what he had done. This man was a Samaritan. Luke 17:15-16 (NLT)

I love this verse in the gospel of Luke as the writer related a story about Jesus. Jesus encounters a group of ten men with leprosy. They call out to Jesus to have pity on them and Jesus simply says, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” The story continues that as they went on their way, they noticed that they had been completely healed. At this point I am sure that the emotions were running high as the ten rejoiced in their healing. They would be able to go back home, work and live as part of their families and villages. They would no longer have to be secluded and ostracized from others in their community. Then we come to the verse above. Only one man took the time to go back with great enthusiasm, he shouted and fell at the feet of Jesus (I have this image of him lunging at Jesus’ feet) he speaks a very dramatic yet simple “thank you”.

I found that this story represents two different responses to life and happenings around us. The first is a completely self absorbed attitude. This

type of response is found in many people in our world. People are only concerned with themselves and what they can get out of life and others, and many times this comes with a feeling that they

deserve this type of treatment. This attitude is found in nine of the ten men with leprosy healed by Jesus. The second response is one that is full of gratitude. This came from the one who returned to Jesus, responding with gratitude to the One who had brought him healing. I love the fact that he was loud with his praise and thanksgiving. He wanted everyone around him to know the truth of who had healed him. And he was the outsider....he was the one that would not be expected to return and offer thanksgiving.

What can we learn from this story? Two things come to mind. The simple truth is that we need to keep our eyes not on ourselves but on others. This is so hard to do at times because we are conditioned to look out for ourselves. But I believe the Bible is clear in teaching us that we need to keep our focus on Jesus Christ and the needs of others. The nine had eyes and attitudes for their own lives and well being. The other lesson from this story is in our approach to thanksgiving. It is clear from this story that the one who returned clearly gave praise to Jesus Christ and credit where credit was due. The heart of thanksgiving points to the God who created us and has made us everything we are today. Do I truly give God the credit for my life? Do I offer a heart of thanksgiving to God for all that He has done? Do I shout to those around me (maybe not in the literal sense) praise to God for what He has done?

As we continue reading the New Testament and seeing more and more ways we can be like Jesus Christ, I know God is continuing to work in making us His own. Will you allow God to develop a true heart of thanksgiving in you this year? As we come upon this season of thanksgiving, it is my prayer that we will keep our eyes fixed on Jesus Christ...and, with a thankful heart, give Him all the glory and honor due His name.



a note from Pastor Greg Creasy...

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Church News & Announcements



Directory News
 Keep the updates coming. We have received several already and there have been many changes!

Usher & Greeter Schedule

November 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.

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.

Campbell's

Labels for Education

Remove the **WHOLE** label!

... front, back, sides... **EVERYTHING.**

A complete list of Campbell's Products can be found on the table by the office door. Place your labels in the basket on the same table.

More Info?
 Diana & Tom Murphy
 304-736-2639



GROW Group Schedule

Sundays	Greg & Leigh Ann Creasy	6:00 pm
	Mark & Kathleen Napier	6:00 pm
	Darlis Stutler & Lennie & Janet Roe	6:00 pm
	Brownfields/Cyrus	6:00 pm
Tuesdays	Johnna Gaunch	9:00 am
Wednesdays	Bryan & Melanie Sweeney	6:30 pm
	Tim Forth	6:30 pm
	Harry & Kelly Estep	6:30 pm
Thursday	Greg Creasy	8:00 am
Friday	Donald & Christina Black	6:00 pm
	Nan Richards	6:00 pm
Saturday	Barbara Bragg/J. W. & Paula Bowen	6:00 pm

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

Middle School—Barbara Bragg, hostess w. Jonathan & Becky Porter, leaders
 Middle School — Trish Leonard, hostess w. Karen Simon & Nan Richards, leaders
 Middle School — Paul Bock host, w. Cathy Hensley, leader
 High School — Lita Wright, hostess, w. Roger Wilcox & Trevor Wilson
 High School — Mark & Carla Booth hosts & leaders

NTC GROW Group Service Projects Overview

- ⌘ Leonard (Youth)...Soup/Visitation for Shut Ins, Salvation Army packing food boxes December 19 from 1:00-3:00 pm
- ⌘ Bragg...Helping the Strattons; Working in the Nursery & Pre-K classrooms
- ⌘ Forth...Salvation Army; Sub Sale, November 15 Soup & Sandwich Luncheon
- ⌘ Black...An evening of baking brownies for the Sub-Sandwich Sale, Golden Girls Group Home
- ⌘ Creasy...Sub Sale, Dinner for the HHS Football Team, Circle of Love Food Drive
- ⌘ Sweeney...Sub Sale, Coat Drive, Shut-Ins Help
- ⌘ Hensley (Youth)... Veteran's Home & Gifts, Mission Market during the church Christmas dinner
- ⌘ Children's Department... Operation Christmas Shoeboxes, Advent Baskets for Shut Ins.

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



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

PRBC Service Projects & Opportunities

Sub Sandwich Sale

Monday, November 2

Proceeds will go to the Strattons.

More information...please contact Johnna Gauch 304-736-8811.

Circle of Love

Throughout the month of November the Creasy's GROW Group will be collecting non-perishable food items to distribute between the Huntington Area Food Bank and ECCHO. Place your donations against the walls around the sanctuary - all the way around!



Let's show love to our community, be Jesus to them, by meeting this very basic need for those who aren't able to fully do that for themselves and their families. Thanks so much for sharing in this with us!

Suggestions for Food Items

Tuna Fish, other canned fish or meat
 Beef Stew, Meat Soups, Hearty Soups, Gravy
 Canned Spaghetti, Pasta, Chili
 Canned Vegetables, Fruits
 Beans (kidney, pinto, green, yellow, refried or black beans)
 Baby Food or Formula
 Ensure or Other Nutritional Drinks
 Rice, Potato Flakes, Stuffing Mix, Dry Beans, Dry Pasta
 Powdered Milk
 Pancake or Baking Mixes, Cereal/Oatmeal
 Peanut Butter, Jelly (in plastic jars)

(All Non-Perishables Accepted!)

Coats for Kids

Reverend Bryan Sweeney's GROW Group is collecting new winter coats and jackets as part of their New Testament Challenge GROW Group Community Service Project. All donated coats will be given to Forest Bluff Apartments for distribution to local children in need. Pick up a hanger at the church and bring it back with a coat on it.



Soup & Sandwich Luncheon

Sunday, November 15 11:00 am -2:00 pm

Drop in and eat when it is convenient for you and your family.

Donations will go to the Stratton family.

Wednesday evening (Forth) GROW Group service project

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.

For more ideas and opportunities, check out page 6.



3 John Bowen

4 Heidi Carter

Chad & Michelle Caserta

5 Ashlee Potter

Diana Wilson

Carson Boggs

Kenzie Boggs

6 Martha Elkins

7 **Russell & Zanaida Prichard**

Wendy Porter

8 Betty Davis

Abby Wendell

Bryan & Melanie Sweeney

Karl & Marilyn Vetter

10 Blake Beneke

Diana Blankenship

11 **Ken & Doris Harman**

12 Brian Eplin

13 Jakob Phifer

14 **Buddy & Juanita Arbaugh**

15 LeeAnn Jordan

16 Stacey Kemp

Jean Richmond

17 Mark Napier

Hannah Kemp

Jon Pullen

18 Sean Beckett

19 Nick Alexander

21 **Carl & Misty Dillman**

Brian Porter

22 **Jeff & Donna Kaplan**

23 Erin Sayre

24 Kelsie Warnock

Ann Vickers

26 Cameron Porter

Isabella Crum

27 Kent Browning

28 Jared Brownfield

Alex Moss

30 Carol Schweitzer

Church email ... prbc@pearidgebaptist.com

PRBC Children Ministry



Operation Christmas Child

Shoebox Donations

We need more hair barrettes and small toys.

We will pack shoeboxes Wednesday, November 11.

Want to pack your own box, see Christina to get a shoebox.

The following is a Gift List for those wishing to pack their own shoebox...

- wash cloths & soap
- tooth paste & tooth brushes
- small dolls (shoebox size)
- small balls (shoebox size)
- small cars
- hair barrettes & combs
- small toys such as yo-yos
- stuffed animals (shoebox size)

Thank You

Thank you to Ms. Cathy Hensley and her youth GROW group, for making our GLOW Party (God Lights Our Way) a wonderful time. The kids had a great time making crafts and dirty pudding with worms. Yummy!!! We then went on a spirit walk. We ended up in the baptistery to hear the salvation story. To finish off the night they used their light (flashlights) to find the Holy Ghost. With each activity we talked about ways to GLOW for Jesus.

Parent Tips

Our children need to be encouraged to participate in worship service. Guide your child to participate in worship service by helping them find the Scripture passages used during the sermon. The children are in service with Pastor Greg on the first Sunday morning service of every month. Also, bring them to Children's choir practice on Wednesday nights. This gives them a chance to be an active part in Sunday morning worship. After learning a few songs the children will be the Special Music on certain Sunday mornings. You are your child's best role model... stand to sing with a smile on your face, raise your hands and give God the praise when singing worship songs to the Lord. Encourage you child to stand during worship time. Helping your child to be an active part in worship will help in their overall spiritual growth.

-Christina Black, Director Children's Ministry



"I don't know where Cain and Abel went for Thanksgiving, Son. I just know they didn't go to Grandma's."



More SERVE Opportunities

Bible Clubs

at Forrest Bluff Apartments

Beginning November 15 we have an opportunity to do something for children and families living in these apartments. This past summer, the church picked up several children from Forrest Bluff Apartments for VBS. They loved coming and it was a tremendous outreach. Some of these children want to come back to PRBC...and we need to go and get them.

This outreach has two components: *Host Bible Club once a month on site for all children in the complex...we can use the community room and common areas outside for games, Bible lessons, snacks, etc. This would be like a mini-VBS club lasting about 90 minutes.*

Running the van on Sunday and Wednesday to pick up children for church. This would involve a commitment on a regular basis... a day could not be missed! This would bring children and hopefully their parents to our church.

There may be some families that have special needs. As we look to care for others during the Christmas season and beyond, there might be families needing help with food, clothing, etc.

BIBLE CLUB

Number of Volunteers needed: 10-12 for each club

Time commitment for Bible Club: 3-4 hours a month

Duration of Commitment for Bible Club: Now-through June 2010

(leading up to VBS...then breaking for summer... picking up in the Fall)

VAN MINISTRY

Number of Volunteers needed: 10-12 (for rotation)

Time commitment for Bible Club: 2-3 hours a week (less, if we have enough volunteers)

Duration of Commitment for Bible Club: Ongoing



Good News Club

at Davis Creek Elementary

Acts 20:24 (NLT)

“But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus- the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God.”

The Good News Club is a ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF). Nathan Sayre and Pastor Greg met with Principal Vickie Caldwell. Later Pastor Greg spoke with Superintendent Bill Smith about this ministry and they have both given approval to proceed. The Good News Club consists of: *Bible stories, missionary stories, games snack, memory verses, music, etc.*

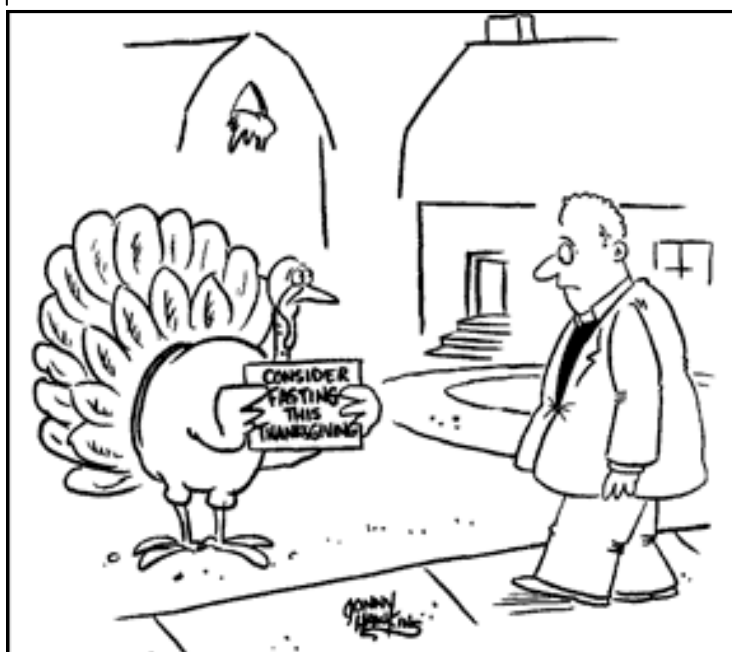
The program materials are provided through CEF and we will provide the volunteers. This is totally our ministry to these children. The children voluntarily stay for the Club, with their parent's permission. This is an incredible opportunity to reach some children and families for Christ.

Number of Volunteers Needed: 10-12

Time Commitment: one day a week 2:30-4:30 pm

Duration of Commitment: Now-through May 2010 (begin again in the Fall of 2010)

With enough volunteers you may only have to help once a month. Contact the office for more information.



Other PRBC Service Projects & Opportunities

Weirton Christian Center

3012 Elm Street
Weirton, WV 26062
weirtonchristiancenter@comcast.net

The work is all about sharing the love of the Lord with the children in our community, and helping to provide for the needs (physical, spiritual, educational).

The center plans to expand services and relocate to a larger building. As the only Christian Center this would enable them to fulfill their goals and provide care and education for children in need.

The center is in the process of creating music, art and tutoring programs with local volunteers. Through volunteers we hope to provide lessons that children may not otherwise receive.

The Weirton Christian Center collects Campbell's Soup labels for education and welcomes these donations from anyone.

Kim Weaver, Executive Director
Check them out at
www.nationalministries.org

Hospice of Huntington

1101 6th Avenue
Huntington, WV 25701
304-529-4217 or 304-781-8400

November is National Hospice Month. Hospice is a special way of helping those with a terminal or life-limiting illness to live their lives to the fullest, while providing support for the loved ones who care for the them. Throughout this special month, Hospice of Huntington participates in a variety of community outreach activities and efforts to further educate our community about the benefits of Hospice care.

This time of year poses a challenge to those who are caring for a loved one. Please keep our Hospice patients, families, caregivers and staff in your prayers. We know your prayers will help.

Faith In Action

848 9th Avenue, Huntington, WV 25701
304-697-1274
emailfiarc@comcast.net
Website: www.fiarivercities.org

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). Contact information is listed above.

Branches Domestic Violence Center

P. O. Box 403
Huntington, WV 25708
304-529-2382

Child Evangelism Fellowship



1249 Madison Avenue
Huntington, WV 25704
304-522-3777

Golden Girls in Ceredo

999 B Street, Ceredo, WV 25507
304-453-1401

A nonprofit group home for girls, was founded in 1983 by Judy Gilderson, who continues with us as our Administrative Consultant/Therapist. Golden Girls serves 24 girls from ages 12-21; with remarkable success serving dependent, neglected and predelinquent girls who are unable to make a successful adjustment in their natural home or foster care homes.

Our program is designed to encourage positive change and growth through a series of educational, recreational, treatment and support services in a warm, loving, and therapeutic environment.

A New Beginning Crisis Pregnancy Center

925 8th Avenue
Huntington, WV 25701
304-525-3687

Huntington City Mission

624 10th Street
Huntington, WV 25706
304-523-0293



ECCHO

October needs...

Canned fruit, crackers, bread and personal care items



RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

304-529-1122

November NTC Memory Verses

F	G	E	V	R	E	S	P	E	T	E	R	H	U	F	G	M
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Nov. 1 – The Challenge of Servanthood
Mark 10:45 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.”

Nov. 8 – The Challenge of Forgiveness
Colossians 3:13 Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Nov. 15- The Challenge of Godliness
2 Peter 1:3 His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness.

Nov. 22 – The Challenge of Obedience
John 14:15 “If you love me, you will obey what I command.

Nov. 29 – The Challenge of Eternity
Colossians 3:1-2 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

He Gave Thanks

This Thanksgiving, you may share a special meal with family and friends. Do you remember a time when Jesus shared a meal with thousands of people and gave thanks?

Use the clues to find important words from Matthew 14:19 (NIV).

Across: 1. up, 3. down, 4. loaves, 6. broke, 8. heaven, 9. fish, 10. gave, 11. sit
 Down: 2. people, 3. disciples, 5. grass, 7. thanks, 9. five

Across

- opposite of down
- opposite of up
- more than one loaf
- penniless
- place where God dwells
- bass, halibut, salmon and others
- past tense of give
- a command you give to a dog

Down

- another name for humans
- twelve of Jesus' closest friends
- what a lawnmower cuts
- _____ giving
- odd number after 4

