



August Birthdays

Mary Burchette.....Aug 3	Angie Swaim.....Aug 13
Rebecca Ware.....Aug 4	Bob Opoulos.....Aug 19
David Lane.....Aug 6	Maxine Davis.....Aug 22
Eli Bounds.....Aug 7	Cassidy Allen.....Aug 23
Claudia Dameron.....Aug 9	Marie Owen.....Aug 23



Dear Members of Pfafftown Baptist Church and Elaine Opoulos,

The staff at Mineral Springs Middle School would like to thank you for your donations of gift cards you all gave us for our End of Year Celebration. We all appreciated it

very much and the staff enjoyed the chance of winning them! Thanks again for your generosity and willingness to help make our day extra special! We appreciate you and the Bounds Family for all that you do! Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,
Carrie Phelps
Co-Chair of the MSMS Social Committee

The card is posted on the bulletin board outside the secretary's office.

The Night WMU Group invites the church to donate school supplies to help our friends at the Good Neighbor Center start their school year off right. Donations can include, but are not limited to: **packs of wide rule paper, one subject notebooks, pocket folders, pencils, erasers, pens, crayons, colored pencils, glue sticks and backpacks.**

Anything you can give would be greatly appreciated and well worth your time and money. Let's help these kids get started with a bang! Donations can be left in the **B Building** in the **box marked "School Supplies" by August 10.**

Thanks in advance for your support.



Calling All Women Age 16 and up!

Habitat for Humanity Women Build is coming to Winston Salem October 17-25. PBC will be taking a group of ladies to work on Monday, October 20. The workday is from 8:00 - 3:00. No prior experience is necessary and all tools will be provided. **See Kim Bounds to sign up by August 24.**

Family Outdoor Movie Night
featuring
"The Lego Movie"
Friday, August 8 @ 8:00 pm

Bring a lawn chair, blanket or towel! We'll be indoors if it rains

Invite your neighbors!

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PBC Connections

How Does Your Garden Grow!



one poblano pepper plant. My yield has been great this year. I've already harvested many pounds of tomatoes, and many peppers, but I can see the end coming. No new tomatoes are blooming, and no new peppers are on the vines. Already I'm thinking about next year.

Love in a church is so much like my garden. It comes in many forms, it blooms for its season, and then it waits to be grown again. Is that what God expects of us, **seasonal love**?

Recently our deacons and I worked diligently for six months, week after week, to craft a vision statement for Pfafftown Baptist that can breathe life into our congregation. The Bible gives two great stories of the breath of life. In one Genesis account of creation, God crafts of the form of humanity from the dust of the earth and then **breathed the breath of life into us.** Then, in the great Acts story of Pentecost God reached out to the gathered community and powerfully **breathed the breath of the Holy Spirit into each of them.** It was new life in a new way.

With our vision statement (*Pfafftown Baptist Church is on mission to serve God by sharing joyful life and displaying love with our greater community.*) we are opening ourselves to God for the breath of life. And it cannot be seasonal, not if we are to live rich and satisfying lives.

Seasonal love is typical of all churches. When a member dies, some persons in the community of faith rise up to touch the grieving family with

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How is your garden doing at your home? I do not know if all of you have a garden, but I have heard of some whopping gardens among our membership, gardens that make me more than jealous, admittedly. If you have a garden, how is it doing these days?

My garden this year consists of a 4x4 raised bed with 5 tomato plants and 3 pot of 5 gallon size. In the pots I have one New Mexico pepper plant, one jalapeno plant, and

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expressive love. It is love as beautiful as one can imagine, **but it is seasonal and segregated**. When opportunities to touch the community with love are offered, some persons commit and love blooms, **but it is seasonal and segregated**. When needs arise among the membership it is beautiful to see how needs are met, **but it is always seasonal, and always segregated**. The garden grows for but a season.

Who can imagine tomatoes growing in January in Pfafftown? Who can imagine a fresh BLT in winter? Not me. But I can imagine, and frequently vision in my mind, **love blooming all the time** in greater ways from many more places with much more power within our congregation. **Nothing but the breath of God can accomplish this vision.**

***Breathe on me Breath of God; Fill me with life anew.
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.***

Let the breath of God that is beginning to blow through Pfafftown Baptist right now wash away your fears, hesitations, differences, indifferences, mediocrities, seasonal tendencies and segregations.

*"Bring us together, as one body of love, that we may **bloom in every season** and grow in every corner of the community your great, amazing, powerful love, oh God our Father. Amen."*

*As always, I'd love to hear from you, any way you want to reach me, about what you think.
pbcpastor@windstream.net*

A Beth Moore "Simulcast" is being offered on Saturday, September 13, 2014 from 9:30 - 4:15 at Pinedale Christian Church on Peter's Creek Parkway. Cost is \$5 + lunch at a restaurant nearby.

See [Kim Bounds to sign-up and reserve your ticket by August 10](#). Money is non-refundable once the ticket is purchased.

Coming This Fall....

...a 6 week Beth Moore study on the book of James. It will be in the home of **Chris Norman**. A light supper will be served. Be on the lookout for more details soon!



Shalom,
Yes, it's sort of HOT over here. The weather and the conflict. It seems so strange to be in the midst of a war, but going about life as usual. I've had to use my safe room a few times, but mostly I just listen and wait for the 'BOOMS'. The Iron Dome surely is a marvel. Praise God for giving this technology to Israel. Several camps have been cancelled because we don't have a safe place for so many people. The Central part of the country (us) is not required to have them, so it's up to the group if

they want to chance it. Having said this, I don't feel unsafe. I'd rather be in the midst of it than separated from it. I have been greatly rewarded by God, under whose wings I have taken refuge. Paraphrased from Ruth 2:12. Pray for Israel and her people as well as the people of Gaza who are caught in the middle of this. We do not fight against flesh and blood, Ephesians 6:12..... The battle is not yours, but God's.... 2 Chronicles 20:15.

Blessings, Ann

Ministry of Encouragement

If you, a family member, or a neighbor have need of a visit, food, phone call, etc., please give Tim or Chris Norman a call at 336.699.8771.

There are people in our church willing to help.



Our Sympathies are extended to:

- The family of Mildred Rhyne
- Ann Steelman in the loss of her sister, Lula
- Loretta Lyalls in the loss of her husband, Perry

Endless Summer at Pfafftown Baptist



"Men of Praise"

Southern Gospel Quartet in a FREE Concert

Sunday, August 10 @ 6:00pm
A time of Fellowship to follow.
Start inviting folks now!

<u>CHURCH SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST</u>	
Aug 1	Reagan Band Rehearsal
Aug 2	Men's Breakfast
Aug 6	Deacons' Meeting
Aug 7	Adult Bible Study
Aug 8	Reagan Band Rehearsal
Aug 8	Movie Night
Aug 10	Senior Send-off
Aug 10	Southern Gospel Concert
Aug 17	Deacons' Meeting
Aug 17	Brookridge Worship Service
Aug 21	Single Seniors Lunch
Aug 24	Newsletter Deadline

Newsletter information can be sent to kim_bounds@hotmail.com.