

Pfafftown Baptist Church is on mission to serve God by sharing joyful life and displaying love with our greater community.



Pfafftown

Baptist Church

February 2015

PBC *Connections*

The Only Certain Thing about 2015

In a recent gathering with the deacons called by Pfafftown Baptist I asked a simple question: **what are the good things you remembered happening in 2014 at PBC?** Thankfully, we remembered enough to make a list.

We remembered the progress made on the vision statement; a year of financial strength borne by member generosity; a fun chicken stew event that raised needed funds; two Fridays serving the Reagan High School band; the birth of a new web site (thanks to Patti Manuel!); strong ladies WMU groups; spiritual and missional support for families; fun outdoor worship services; offering the community a document shredding event; and successful blood drives.

As you can imagine, the mention of each of these events created much discussion of the memories of good times. Yet, try as we might, we cannot as an organization live on memories. We will live as an organization on energy shared and used effectively.



Following the discussion on 2014 the deacons responded to another question: **what would you like to see happen in 2015?** Again, the response was long enough for a list.

We imagined growth in attendance numbers; increased strength in children, youth and choir participation; new mission efforts; an effective revival; improving the positive awareness of our church in our community; using new ways to market events; teaming with the Shepherd Center of WS to help senior adults in PBC and our community; hosting a craft fair; better advertising of church seasons and events; and growing the energy in the church.

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Again, the mention of each of these ideas was worthy of timely discussion. Yet, try as we might, we cannot imagine any of these ideas having life without the energetic support and generosity of the participants of Pfafftown Baptist.

I recently read a quote by Ben Franklin, the founding father. ***“Consider how hard it is to change yourself and you’ll understand what little chance you have in trying to change others.”*** So incredibly true. Perhaps that’s why Jesus and Paul so strongly remind us to not judge other persons, only the person in the mirror.

That said, my encouragement of you to invest more energy and generosity this year is by no means a ploy to change you; only you can do that. I plan to invest more energy and generosity this year for PBC, strategically, to help us move in the direction of our vision. **Will you join me by investing increased energy and generosity for the good and future of PBC, not even to mention the Kingdom of God???**

One real certainty about life is that we harvest what we sow. As Valentine’s Day approaches many people will either harvest love or mourn loss, based on the love they have sown. As a reflection of your love for God, consider how this year you can increase your investments for God. Try as you might, you will surely reap a harvest of blessings.

— *Pastor Thomas Bounds*

As always I’d love to hear from you, any way you want to reach me, about whatever you think. Just get in touch with me!



February is a busy month for WMU.

Missions Extravaganza

registration is open to all women. The dates are **April 17-18** at Ardmore Baptist Church, Winston-Salem. The **cost is \$45**, if you missed the Early Bird Registration and it **includes your lunch** on Saturday. See Kim Bounds or Bertha Williams for more details. It’s not too late to sign-up.

February 22 is **Baptist Women’s Day** and our

speaker is Dee Dee Moody, Vice-President of the Executive Board of WMU NC. Dee Dee lives in Salisbury, NC and is a wonderful, thought-provoking speaker.

February is also the month for the **Heck-Jones Offering which funds the budget for WMU NC.** Will you consider

giving a donation to support the education and doing of missions in our State? Envelopes can be found in the pew holders.

The **Night WMU Group** will host the ladies from the Hinkle House for a Valentine’s Party. They will meet on Monday, Feb 9 @ 6:30 pm.

The **Day WMU Group** will meet on Tuesday, Feb 10 @ 9:30 am.

Both groups welcome all ladies!

February Birthdays

- Julie SizemoreFeb 2
- Cathy Reavis.....Feb 7
- Tonya Oliver.....Feb 9
- Tracy McAninch.....Feb 12
- Derek Sizemore.....Feb 13
- Georgia BrownFeb 15
- Lilly BoundsFeb 20
- Sharon BeattyFeb 23
- Taylor McAninchFeb 23
- Bonnie Howard.....Feb 25
- John GriffinFeb 25
- Ken Carpenter.....Feb 25
- Debra Rierson.....Feb 27
- Carolyn CarpenterFeb 28



Super Bowl Sunday approaches.

For most, the Super Bowl brings a time of friendship and food. This year, let us challenge ourselves to think of those who do not have access to cheese dip, meatballs, brownies, or even everyday dinner.

The Souper Bowl of Caring is an organization that uses the energy of the Super Bowl to mobilize church members in a united national effort to care for people in their local communities who are hungry and in need.

Sunday, February 1 and February 8 the youth and children will be collecting canned goods and/or donations for the Second Harvest Food Bank. We all have the ability to serve so let's work to take hunger to the end zone!



Thank you

Words can not adequately express our appreciation to each and everyone who made our saddest days just a little easier by each act of love.

Thank you for every prayer, card, call, e-mail, visit and oh so much good food. Please keep us in your prayers as we try to adjust to being without the one we loved so dearly.

With Love to All of You,

Vermell Salmons and Entire Family



Make a Joyful Noise

What are you doing new or differently in 2015? Or another question might be: what did you do well in 2014 that you are continuing in 2015?

The music ministry has some plans for this year. This is not nearly a complete list, nor can I say you'll see all of this happen in the first few months, but here are some things you may see in worship regarding music:

(1) More frequent use of **handbells**. At the moment, we lack the number of people needed to play a great bit of the music we have in our library. However, we have enough to ring several pieces. Besides those, look for handbells in chiming three times to represent the trinity, or accompanying hymns, or any other way we might imagine them. 2015 will feature more Sundays with ringing.

(2) At least 2 worship services with an acoustic-style praise band. Lacking a drummer (any volunteers?), our goal is to temporarily revamp the **Praise Band** into a more laid back, acoustic/folk rock style of music.

(3) New music this church hasn't heard before. Our budget for 2014 scratched new music from the choir budget, but at some point this year, we will have new music to sing. It's not new for everyone, because other churches may have done it, but it's new for us.

(4) New music that **NOBODY** has heard before. The author of this article is **(a)** an experienced composer and arranger, and

(b) guilt-ridden at how long it's been since any new music has been written. 2015 is a year where this will hopefully change. Whether it be choral or instrumental, there should be new offerings this year.

(5) Lots of familiar but at least a few unfamiliar hymns. We love the comfort of the songs we know, but there are many good songs we haven't learned. At one point in your life, every song you sang was a new one. There's no reason not to keep adding to what we sing. That's what you can expect for sure.

Now here's what we'd like to see:

- (1) A drummer.
- (2) More people who want to ring handbells.
- (3) More people who want to sing in the choir.
- (4) More people who want to play instruments for worship.
- (5) More children singing in our children's choir.

Can't we do it all this year?

In Christ, *David*



Feb. 17—Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 6:30pm

Pancake Day
(also known as
Shrove Tuesday)
is the last day

before Lent. It is traditional on this day to eat pancakes. Lent is a time of abstinence, of giving things up.

So, Shrove Tuesday is the last chance to indulge yourself, and to use up the foods that aren't allowed in Lent. Pancakes are

eaten on this day because they contain fat, butter and eggs which were forbidden during Lent.

Shrove Tuesday is celebrated the day before Ash Wednesday and is therefore the final day before the commencement of Lent, leading up to Easter Sunday. Shrove Tuesday always falls 47 days before Easter Sunday, so the date varies from year to year.



**ASH
WEDNESDAY**

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 18
6:30pm

All children and youth are invited to join the adults in this meaningful service.

There will no children's activities this evening.

Pine Needle Sales - March 7

The pine needles will be delivered to the church on Saturday morning, March 7. **\$10 per roll for an order of 10 rolls or more. \$11 per roll for an order with less than 10 rolls.**



Free Delivery for an order of \$50 or more and Free Delivery to all seniors adults. If you plan to pick up your rolls, please come to the church at 9:30 am that day.

To place an order, please complete the forms found in the bulletin and include payment at time of order. Give the form and payment to any youth committee member (Neal Stinson, Ginger Marshall, Becky Parker, Sarah Sizemore, Debra Rierson) on or before March 1. If paying by check please note "Pine Needle Sales" on the memo line. Thanks for your support!

Calling all Single Seniors to a Valentine's Day Lunch and Movie!

Come enjoy a free steak meal with homemade desserts.

Stay for a screening of "*Casablanca*", with coffee and snacks.

*Enjoy your best Valentine's Day in years.
Depart knowing Pfafftown Baptist loves you!*

Saturday, February 14 at NOON in the fellowship hall.

