

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

Pfafftown

Baptist Church



May 2016

PBConnections

Being There



Has a friend ever told you about an experience they had and you struggled to understand it because you did not experience it for yourself?

- ◆ Perhaps they took an incredible vacation
- ◆ Or they experienced something remarkable
- ◆ Or they saw something unique
- ◆ Or they felt something deeply

Whatever it was, your friend was **“there”** and you were not. We’ve all had such moments in our lives, moments we were **“there”**, moments we could not convey clearly to anyone. Sometimes **“being there”** is just too personal to effectively share.

The bible gives us plenty of such moments. One moment that tries so hard to help us **“be there”** but fails is the Pentecost experience in Acts 2. Tell me, no matter how many times you have read this passage, can you even imagine what the experience was like? Of course not, because you and I were not **“there”**.

In May we will make a bold attempt to **“be there”** at Pentecost. No, I don’t mean we will transform the sanctuary into an open air

gathering space, install pyrotechnics and wind machines, or even invite a Pentecostal preacher for the day. Instead, we are going to reach deep into our hearts to reach out to the world.

Sunday, May 15 is Pentecost Sunday, traditionally the day liturgical churches connect around the Acts 2 passage. The effort is lighter than a match. Some years ago a group began a genuine prayer moment called “The Global Day of Prayer” connected to Pentecost. The movement has grown to weeks and months. We will connect to the movement in worship on May 15. You will be equipped with resources to prepare for the movement leading up to the Sunday, and again this year we will have a Prayer Marathon, this time the Thursday after Pentecost. On this day you will have an opportunity to commit to the power of prayer. You will **“be there”!**

The interesting thing about the Acts 2 Pentecost is that nothing happened in the moment that changed the world, or even the church. What happened in the moment changed the people, the individuals, and they in turn changed their world. That’s the power of prayer; it cannot change anything outside you but is fully prepared and able to change everything inside you. Prayer is a gift of God to **“be there”**. It can change you, and you can change the world, but only if you get **“there”** in prayer. Will you **“be there”** with me in May?

Do you have a “there” story to share? Connect with me and let me know what you think. It matters to me!

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Make a Joyful Noise

May is a month that ends with a day of remembrance we know as Memorial Day. Because I have never done so in this format, I wanted this article to honor those PBC members who have passed on and used to sing in the choir, at least those limited to my time here since 2001, and limited to those who were still active members at the time of their death. They each meant so much to the music ministry during their time. We remember:

Bo James - Besides singing bass in the choir, he was the first to come up with a template for cataloging our collection of music that the choir sings. It made updating so much easier because he had started it.

Don James - son of Bo, who briefly sang tenor, and sometimes played electric bass when needed.

Bob Lee - No matter how low the bass part, Bob could and sometimes would sing an octave lower. I still sometimes refer to certain bass notes as "Bob Lee notes". Before he had to retire from singing due to vocal problems, it was a Christmas Candlelight Service tradition for him to sing "Sweet, Little Jesus Boy".

Carson Brown - I believe Carson sang with the choir since the time there was a choir until he was well into his 70s. Like Bob, he had to retire at some point, but he was a model of faithfulness in the bass section.

Becca Macy - Besides keeping the rehearsals entertaining with her honest and fun spirit, she was a very versatile vocalist who usually sang alto, but could sing 2nd soprano as well, wherever she was needed. There is no way to overstate how valuable she was to the choir during her time.

Marie Jackson - I include Marie even though she never sang in the choir from the time I arrived at PBC. She used to sing in the alto section. However, she was very faithful in both attendance and encouragement. One of the reasons you were sure to hear "*The Majesty and Glory of Your Name*" at least once a year was because Marie frequently requested it, and insisted I let her know which Sunday we were presenting it so that she could be present.

Thanks to each and everyone of our past members who have had an impact in our ministry!

In Christ, *David*



Sunday, June 12, 2016 from 1:30-5:30

The Baptist Women's Night Group will be hosting a Blood Drive as one of our monthly Mission projects.

They will also provide needed snacks and drinks.

If you are able to give blood, please visit **americanredcross.org** to sign up for a time convenient for you. You may also call, text, **(336-413-1633)**

or email Becky Parker **at bbparker@windstream.net** to schedule your appointment.

There are many people who cannot give blood for many different reasons.

Please ask your family members and friends who may be able to give.

One pint of blood helps save at least three lives.

Thank you for your support and your prayers!

Children & Youth Events

Youth Events Calendar

May 3 - Youth Committee Meeting - 7pm

May 11 - Yard Sale Prep Night

May 14 - Yard & Bake Sale - 7-Noon

Children's Events Calendar

May 22 - Following the Outdoor Worship Service, the Children and their families will have a picnic. Be on the lookout for details in the coming weeks.

SAVE THE DATE!!



We can still take your donations!

Drop off times are:

Tues - 9 AM- 11 AM

Wed - 5:30 PM-8 PM

Sun - 9 AM - 12 PM and 3 PM- 4 PM

Please have all items to church by Sunday, May 8.

Baked Goods should be dropped of Friday, May 13.

GRADUATE SUNDAY: Graduate Sunday will take place on **June 5**. If you, or a member of your family is graduating this year, please contact the church office so that we will have a complete list of names. You may call the office at 336-924-0126 or email Becky at pbcoffice@windstream.net.



Missions Group Meetings

Baptist Men's Breakfast - May 7 @ 8am

Night WMU Group - May 9 @ 6:30pm
Fellowship Hall

~Bring items for Salvation Army Kits~

Day WMU Group - May 10 @ 9:30am
Fellowship Hall

CHURCH SCHEDULE FOR MAY

May 3Youth Committee
May 7Men's Breakfast
May 9WMU Night Group
May 10WMU Day Group
May 14Yard/Bake Sale
May 15 Deacons' Meeting
May 15 **Newsletter Deadline***
May 19Prayer Marathon
May 21 Shred Day
May 22Worship on the Lawn
May 22 Children's Family Picnic
May 30Office Closed
In observance of Memorial Day

*Send newsletter information to:
kim_bounds@hotmail.com



May Birthdays

Wilma Holloway May 1
Rachel Wilmoth May 4
Hunter Jones May 6
Terry Firle May 11
Howard Steelman May 13

Faye Anderson May 15
Norine Lee May 15
Brian Marshall May 28
Kenneth Dameron May 29
Elaine Opoulos May 31

Operation Christmas Child Item For May

Boxes of Soap

(Non-fragrant and mild/sensitive skin types)



Prayer Marathon

Thursday, May 19

8am - 8pm

Contact the church office to sign-up for a
30 minute time slot **OR** sign-up in the
Sanctuary Lobby



Third Annual Shred Day

May 21, 2016

9:00– Noon

No price per box, but donations
will be taken.

Worship on the Lawn

May 22 • 10:25 am

Praising God with the sights,
sounds, smells and feelings
of the great outdoors will
be something special!

This is the perfect time to invite
your neighbors, friends and
co-workers to church.

Bring your lawn chairs, get your suntan lotion ready
and be prepared to meet Jesus on the lawn!

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